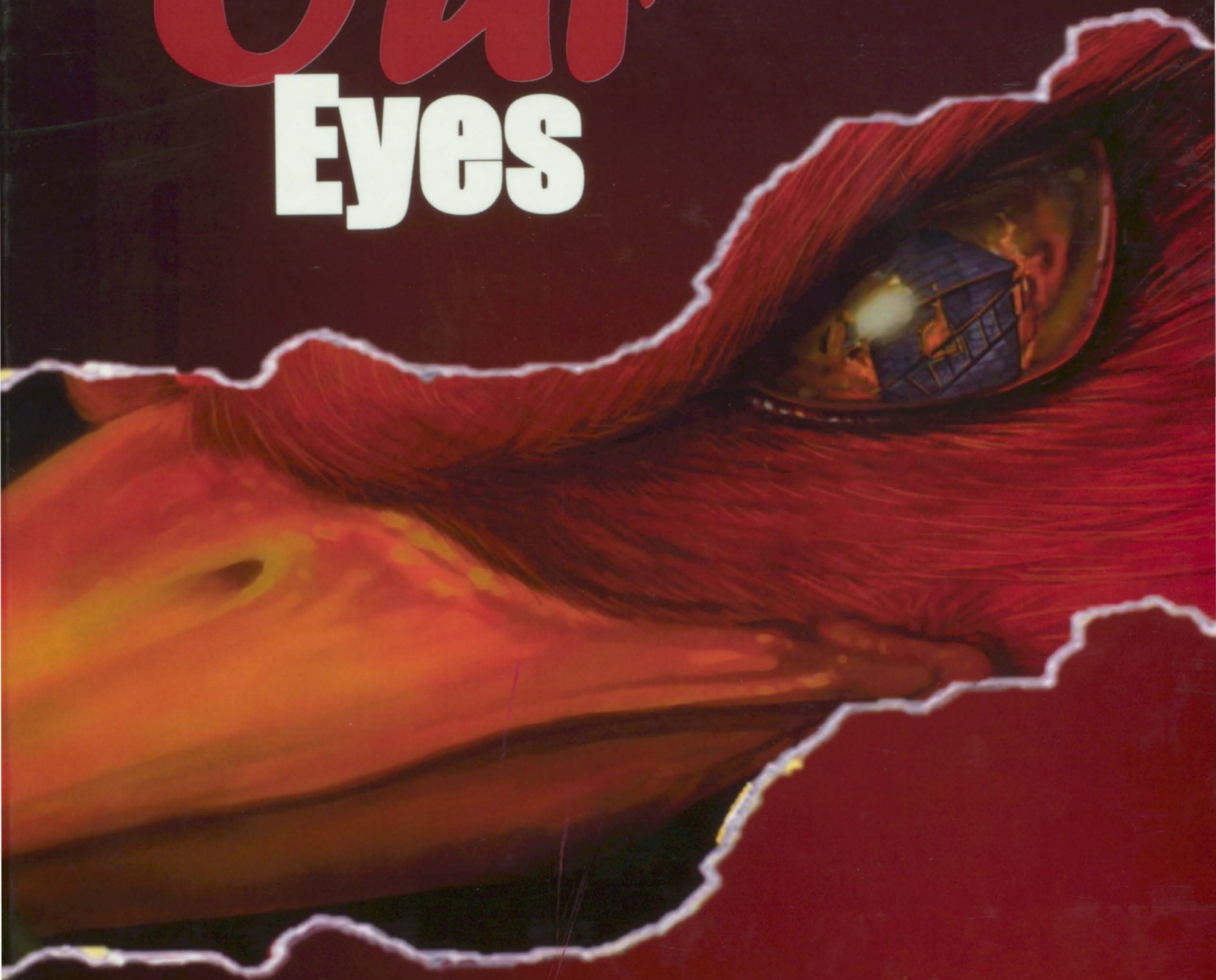
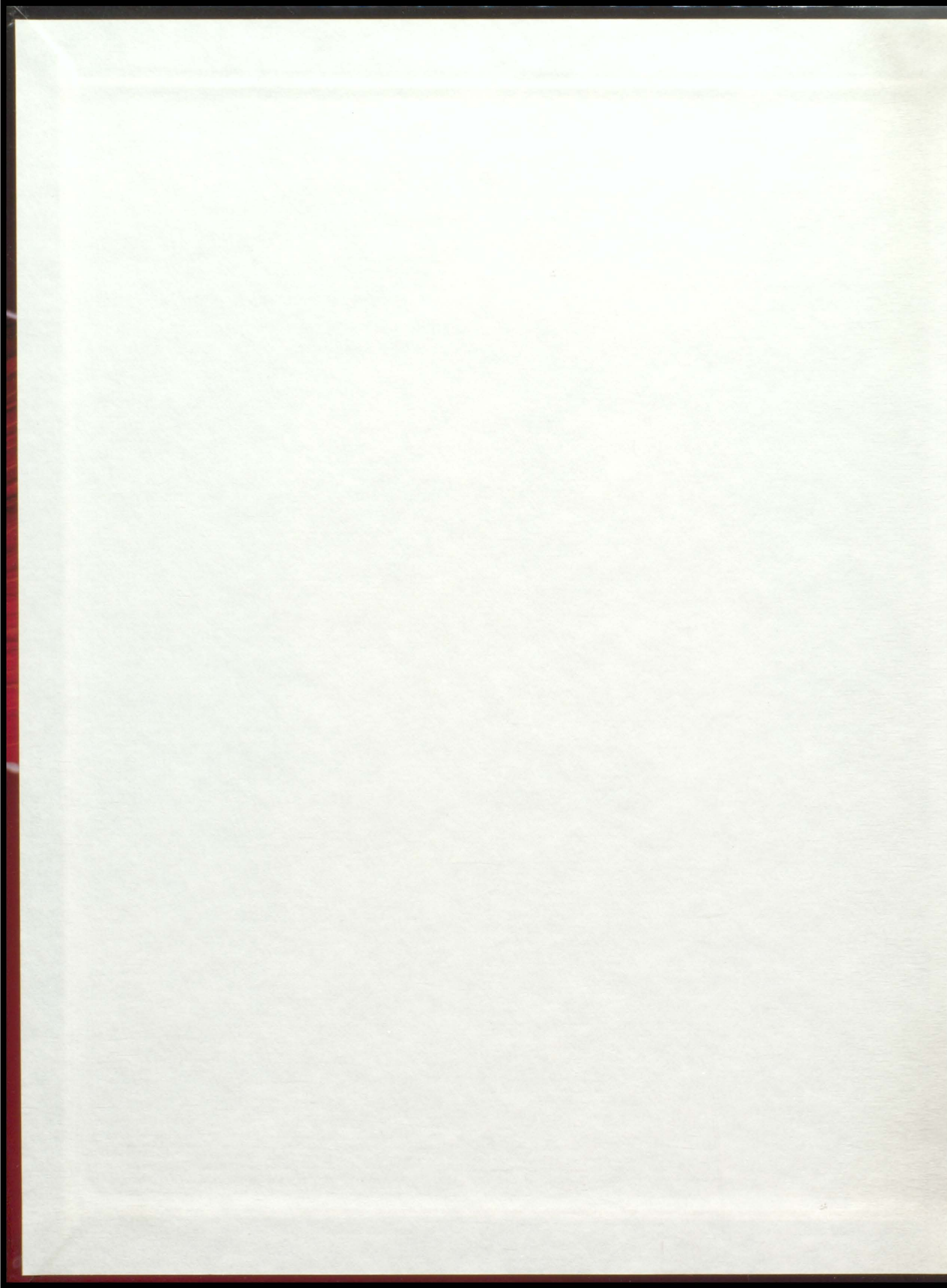


Success Was In *Our* Eyes



University High School
Class Of
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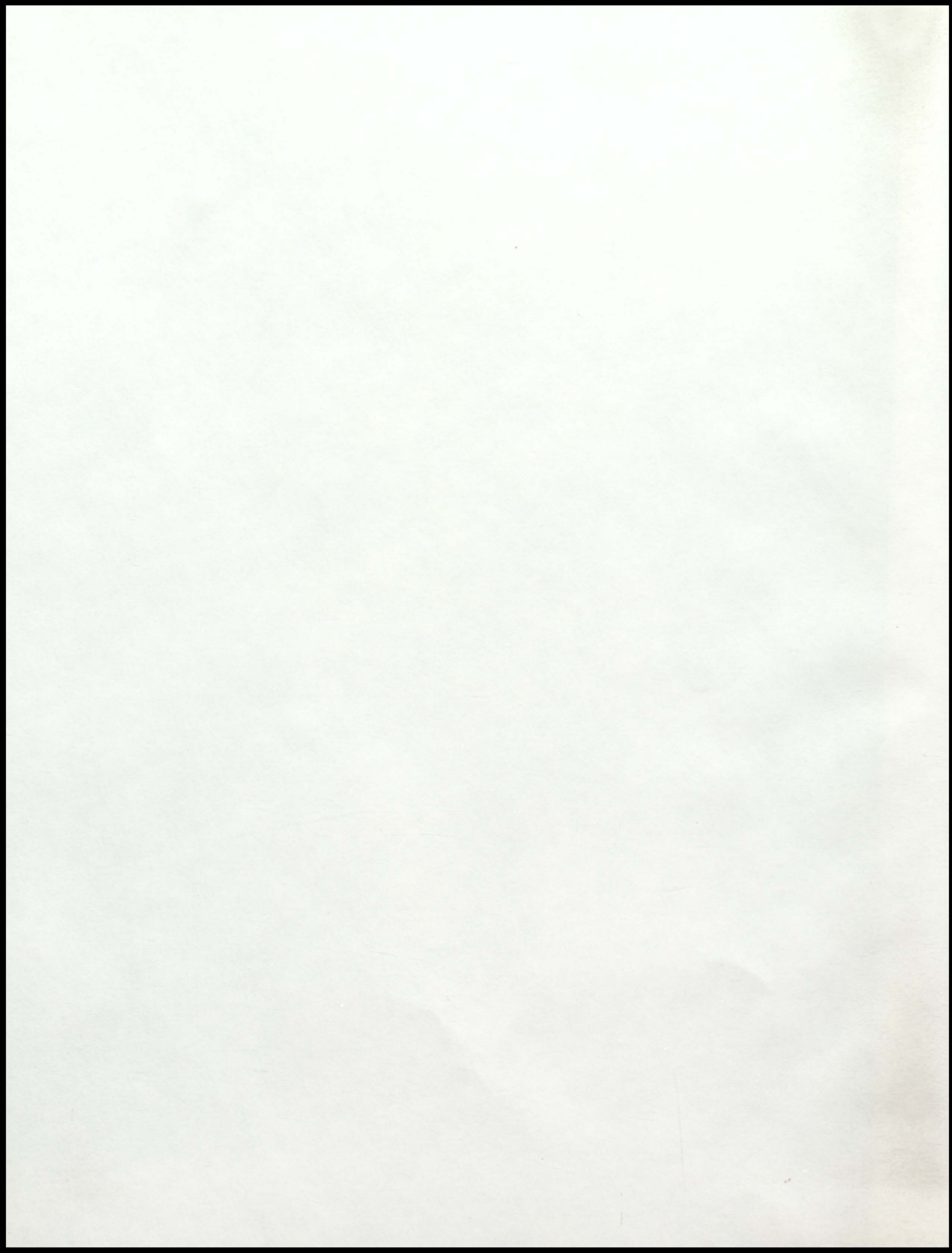


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"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."
~Winnie the Pooh~

Parting words from
Principal Regina V.
Sharpe

Greetings class of 2016. As I reflect on my experience and time with all of you, I begin to smile. Not because you are leaving but because of what you are leaving behind. As a class, you have brought an aura of sincerity, kindness and overall goodness to me and the University High School legacy. In times of conflict, you always found a way to get back to peace. In times of perceived lack you managed to find prosperity and in the mists of confusion, clarity was manifested.

Graduation is a time of joy and celebration. You are congratulated by your family, friends, and teachers. You receive advice, guidance, and direction from practically everyone. Many will bestow you with good luck and well wishes. When the dust settles and you are finally alone you will realize that it is up to you to decide what happens next in your life. It is you who will determine your future. Hopefully, you will begin to understand that fate is what happens to you and destiny is what you do with it.

You will be challenged and you will be pushed. Be guided by your inner power, vision, imagination and love. Be motivated by your dreams, goals and high standards. Always remember and never forget that to be G.R.E.A.T. you must Give your all every day, Respect yourselves and others, Endure through times, Achieve at the highest levels and Transform the world around you.

You have made me extremely proud to be able to say, "I was the Principal of the University High School class of 2016"! Good luck and be blessed.

Administrative Team



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Henri Frederique
Vice Principal



Edwin Mendez
Vice Principal



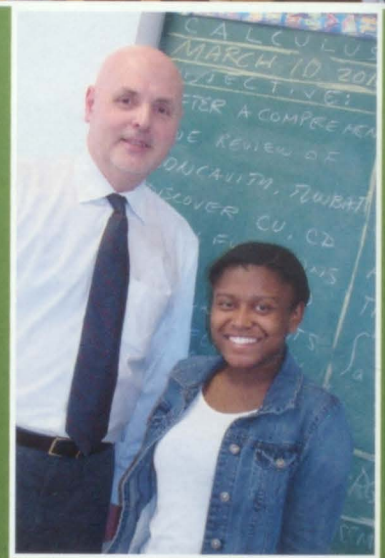
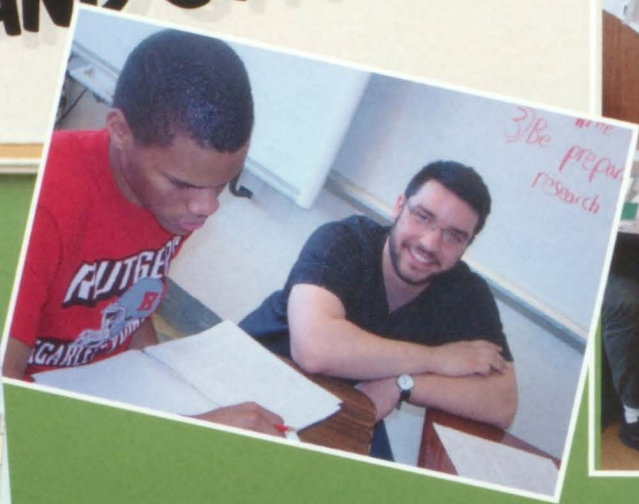
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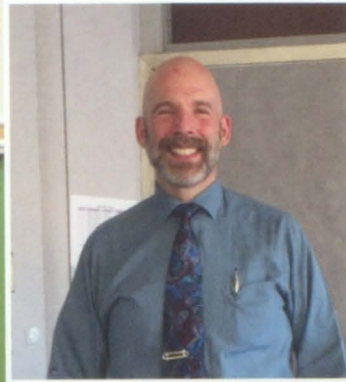
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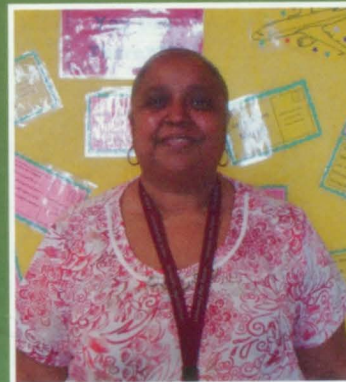
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"Literature is one of the most interesting and significant expressions of humanity."

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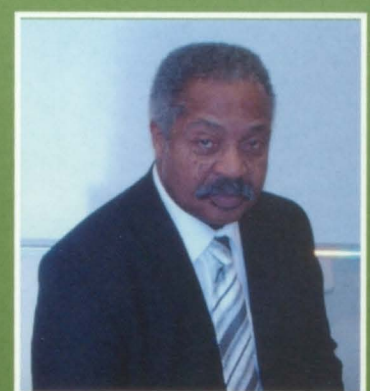
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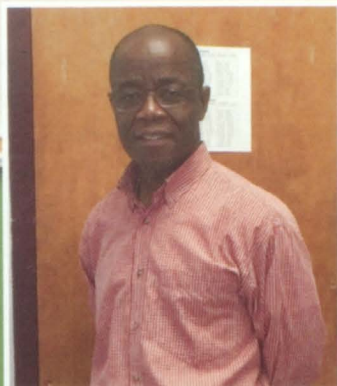
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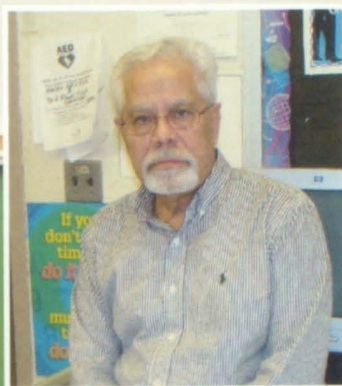
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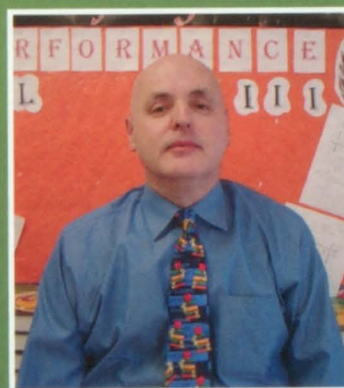
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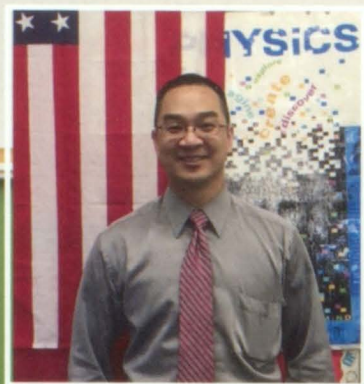


Roberto Suarez

Did you know that...

1. A sphere has two sides. However, there are one-sided surfaces.
2. In a group of 23 people, at least two have the same birthday with the probability greater than $1/2$.
3. As in philosophy, there are transcendental numbers.
4. You are wrong if you think Mathematics is not fun.
5. One can cut a pie into 8 pieces with three movements.

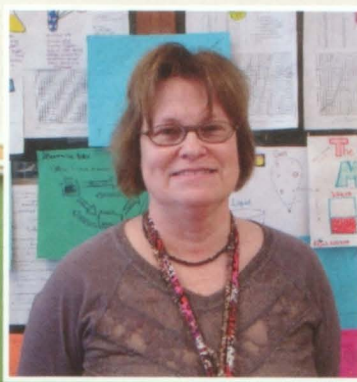
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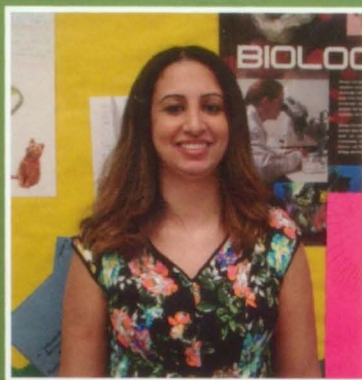
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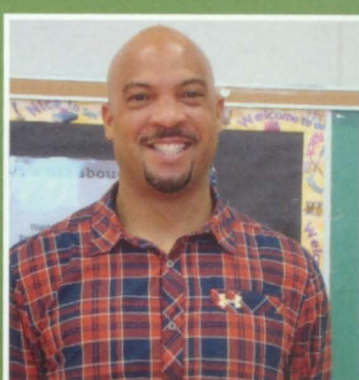
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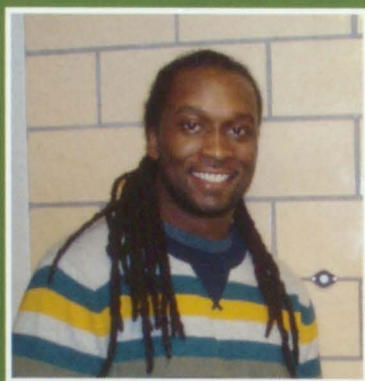
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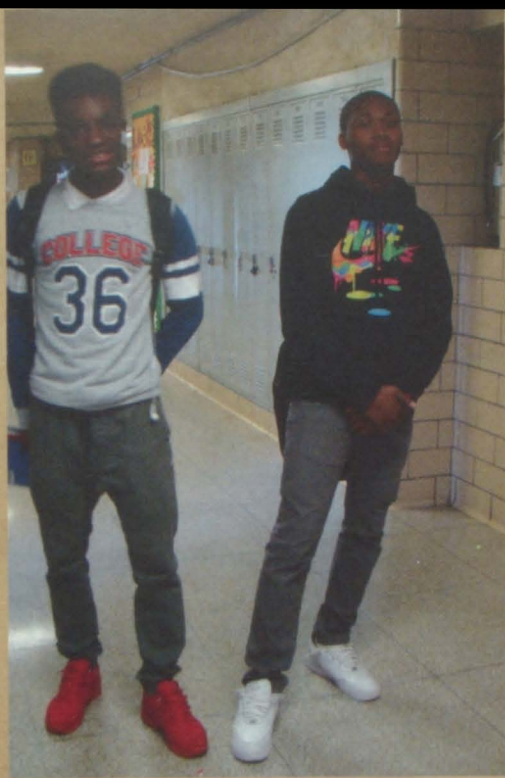
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UNDERCLASSEN





*"Success is not final,
failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to
continue that counts."
Winston Churchill*

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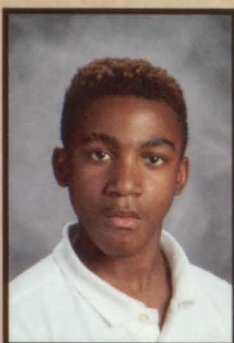
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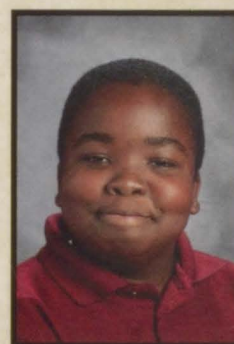
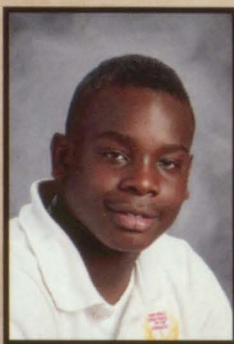
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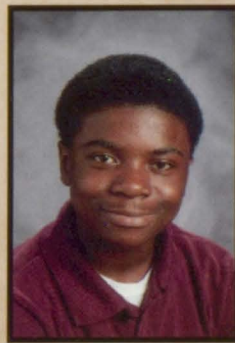
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"Intelligence plus character—that is
the goal of true education"
~ Martin Luther King Jr. ~

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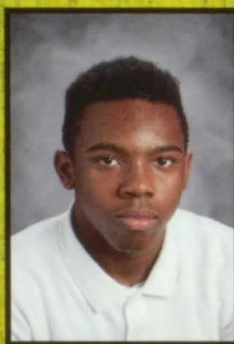
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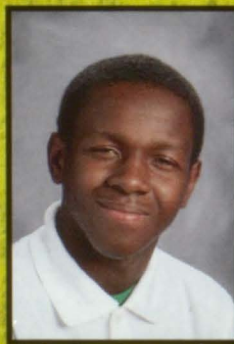
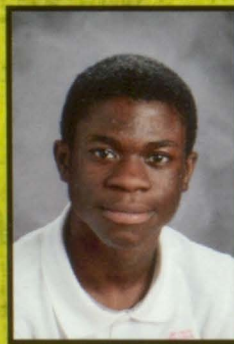
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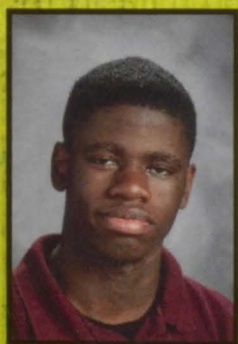
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Aristotle



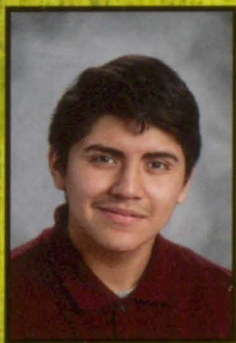
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"Let us pick up our books and pencils. They are our most powerful weapons"
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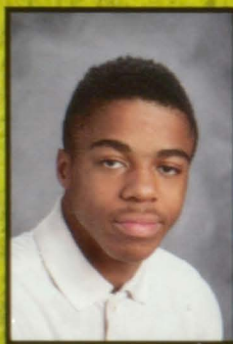
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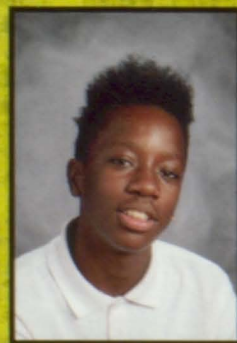
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TOP FIVE THINGS A FRESHMAN SHOULD KNOW:

1. Don't be afraid to raise your hand in class, there's a 99.9% chance that everyone else is confused.
2. Choose your friends wisely, those same people will have the power to either break you, or make you.
3. Popularity shouldn't be your main focus, your grades should be.
4. Don't fall behind too much in your classwork, it'll be harder to make up later.
5. Become involved in extracurricular activities, it'll help in the long run.

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"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."



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CLASS OF SOPHOMORE 2018

"You never know how strong you are until
being strong is the only choice you have."

Bob Marley

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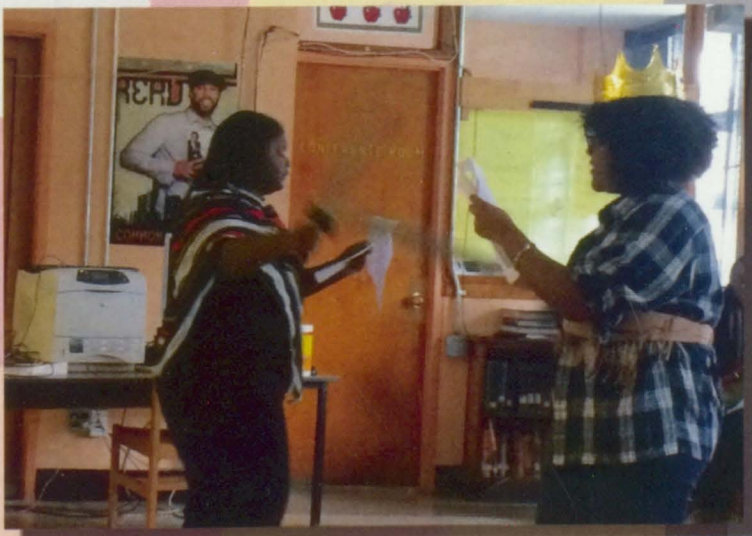
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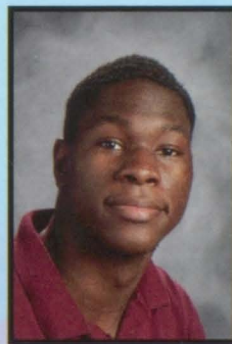


"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as
what you become by achieving your goals."

Henry David Thoreau



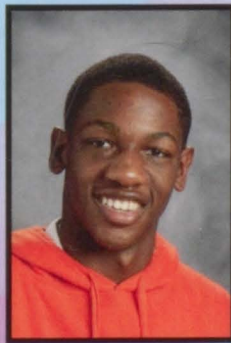
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LIFE BEGINS AT THE END OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE.

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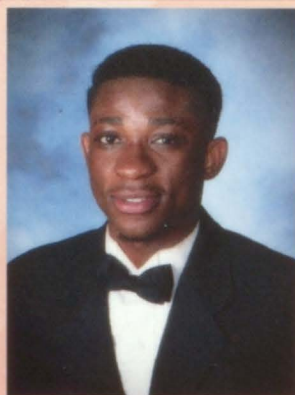
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"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF
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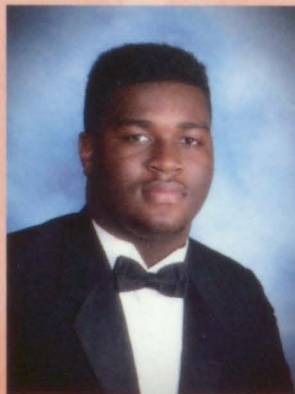
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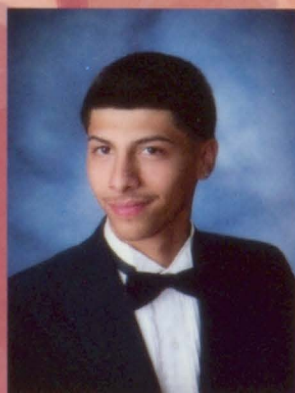
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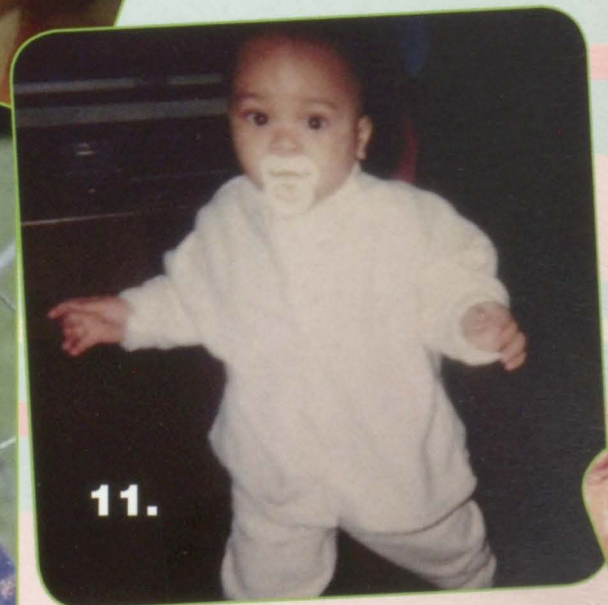
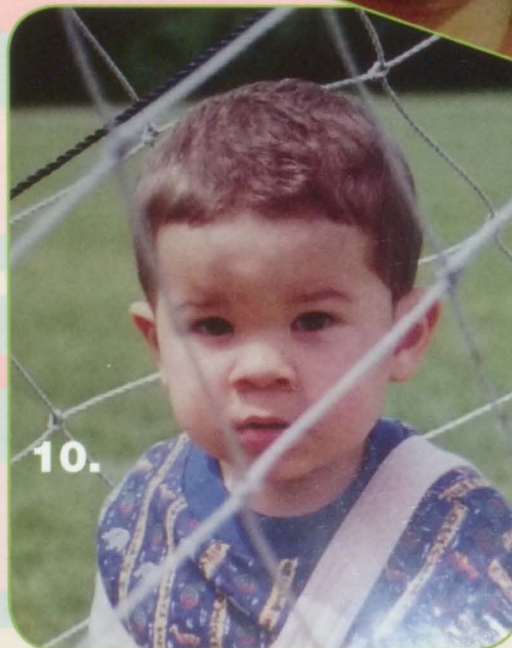
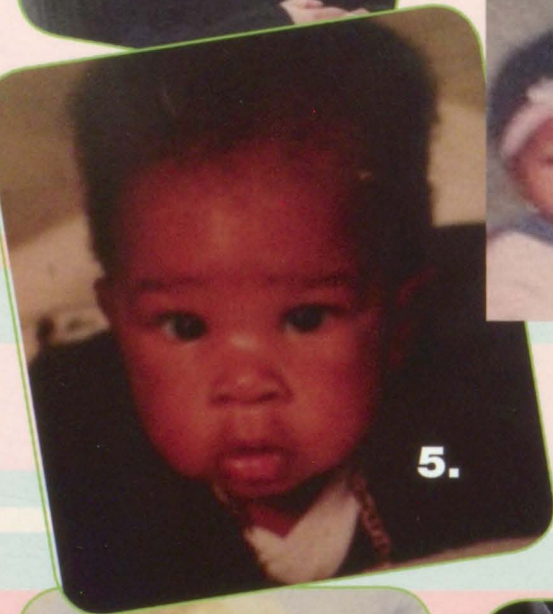
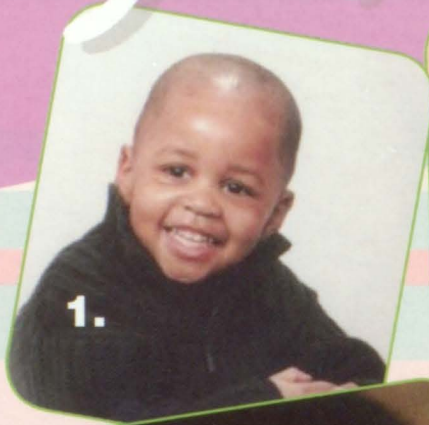


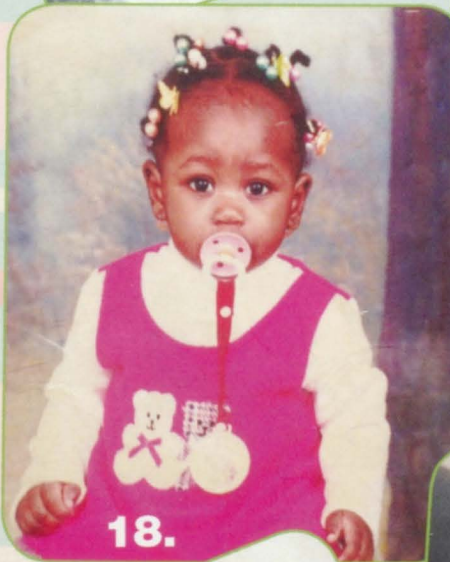
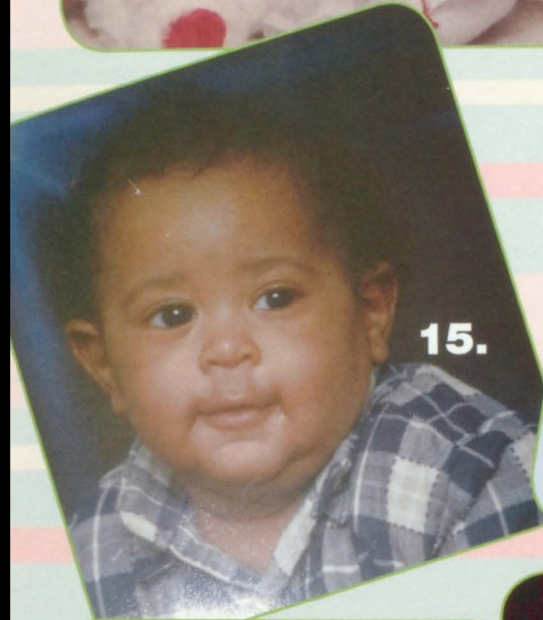
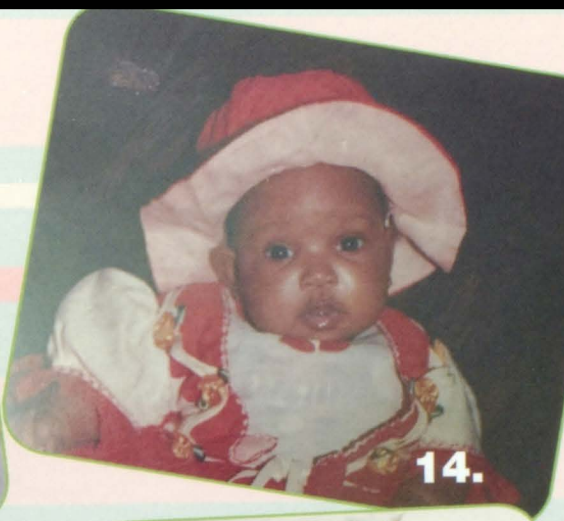
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Guess Who's Who?





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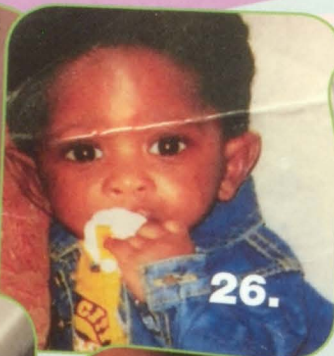
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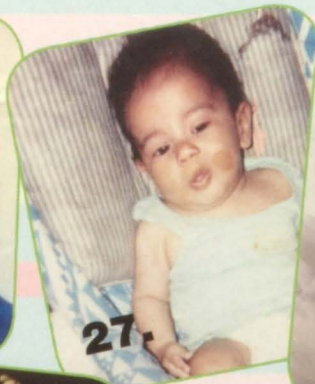
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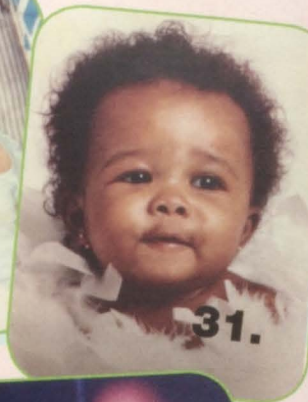
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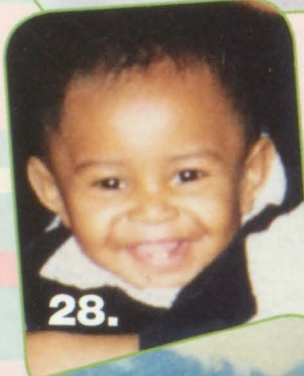
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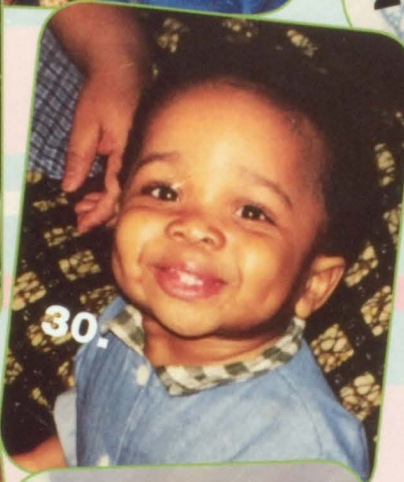
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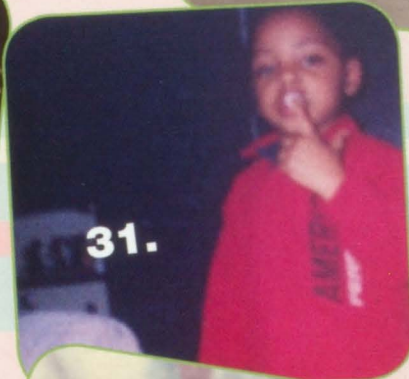
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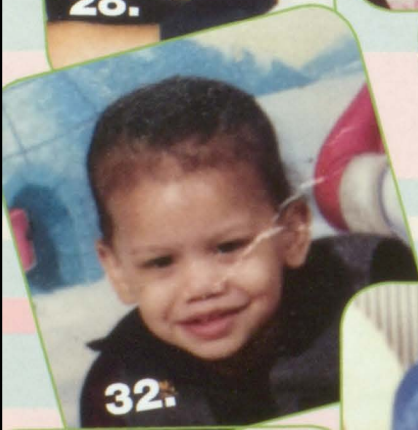
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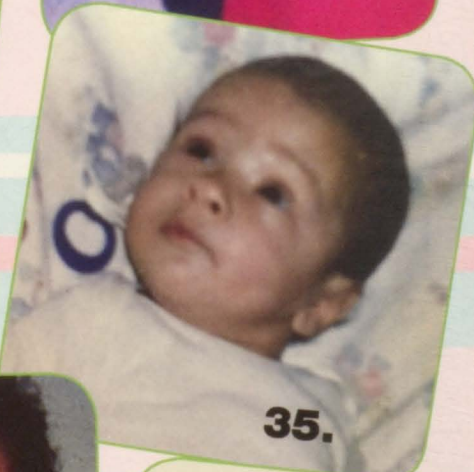
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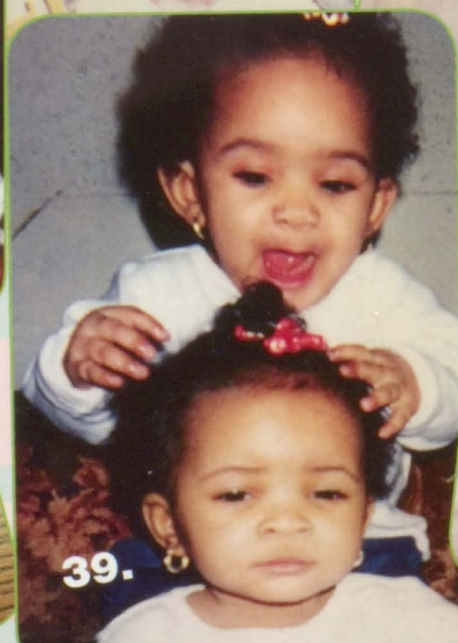
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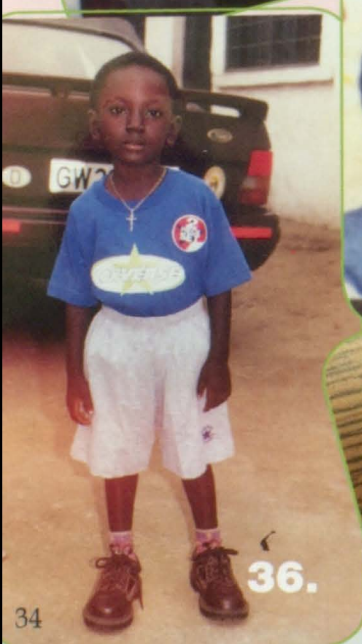
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The Big Reveal

Did you guess them correctly?

1. Zamir Wright
2. Zahirah Hemingway
3. Tyeshia Dawson
4. Raheem Payne
5. Shaheen Roberts
6. Shadiyyah Guyton
7. Nakiyah Sanders
8. Nakyah Lucas
9. Da'Neisha McGaskie
10. Leonel Gonzalez

11. Jadeyah Garry
12. Ine'a Smith
13. Gisselle DeJesus
14. Faith Adelufosi
15. Dihzoe Bailey
16. Da'Niyah Goodwin
17. Brianna Brinson
18. Bintou Traore
19. Da'Quan Benders
20. Awatif Hissaine

21. Atasha Moore
22. Asha James
23. Aniya Alexandre
24. Tyler Ray-Young
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26. Caleb Akaho
27. Carlos Reyes
28. Cecelia Chollette-Dickson
29. Chelsea Duchesne
30. Chinomunso Onwuzurike

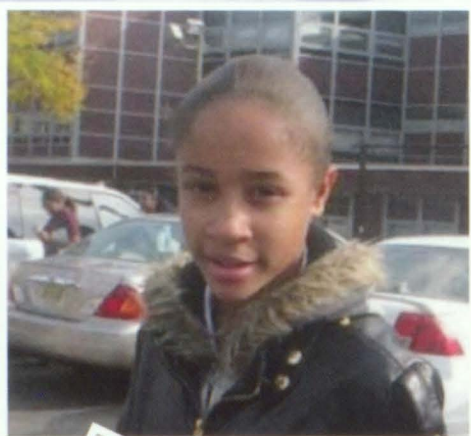
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32. Evan Thomas
33. Iyannah Moore
34. Jihayah Chavis
35. Jordy Garcia
36. Joseph Obiri
37. Julicea Wilson
38. K'Shauna Searls
39. Kayla & Kaitlin Coleman
40. Lizbeth Gonzalez-Estrella

41. Raquel Molesti
42. Safiyyah Odom
43. Sariya Holmes
44. Shakeith Cohen-Key
45. Tatiana Marias
46. Terri Coleman
47. Teanna Johnson
48. Haamid Abdullah
49. Oriana Dundas
50. Brandon Dodson

51. Zaniyah Stevenson
52. Isa Williams
53. Marad Banks
54. Asha' Decosey
55. Maria Martinez
56. Pasquel Robles

University's Home Grown

Early High Schoolers



It has been a long journey for these 16 seniors. University's middle school program accepted these students at the start of their 7th grade. They have continued to show great potential and academic success in the 6 years as members of the Phoenix family. As they embark on a different path, they will always PAY IT FORWARD and show their PHOENIX PRIDE!

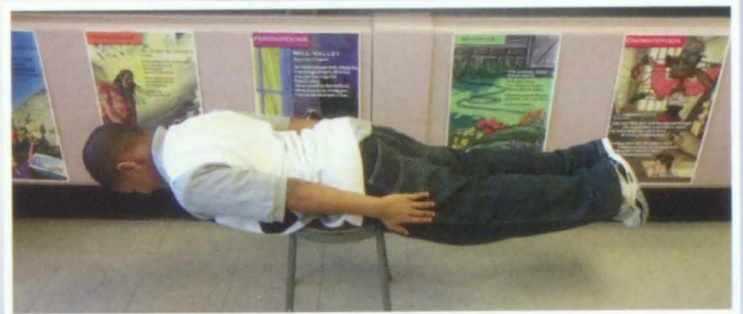
Cecelia, Da'Neisha, Mariah, Taliya, Nakyah, Ahmad, Elijah, Sharina, Desiree, Haamid, Tatiana, Da'Quon, Raheem, K'Shauna, and Da'Niyah.

Good luck to our home grown early high schoolers. The world is yours, TAKE IT!

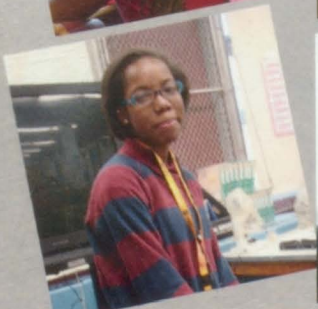


THE PLANKERS

REMEMBER WHEN EVERYONE WAS PLANKING?



8TH GRADE CANDIDS

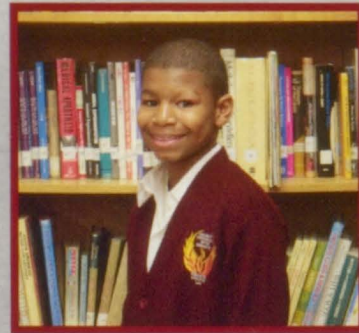
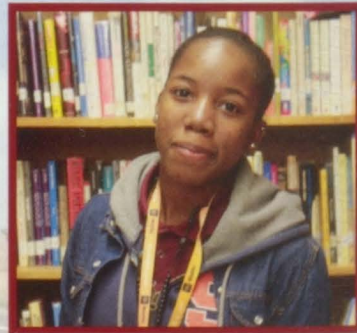
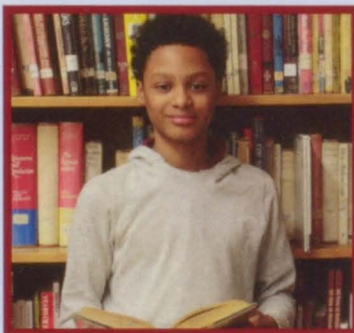
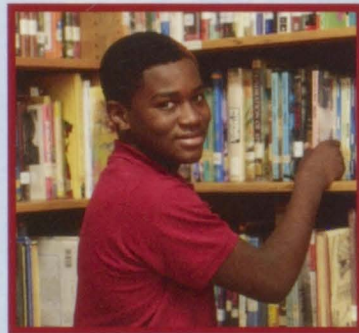
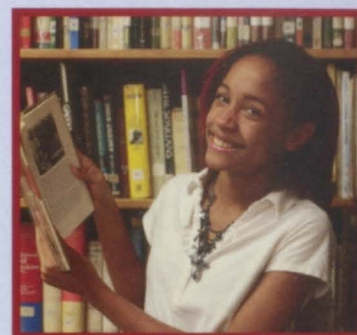




8TH GRADE PEP RALLY SCHOOL SPIRIT! *Early High Schooler*

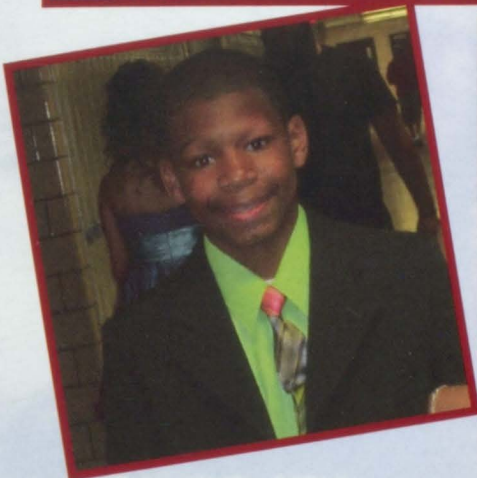


SAY CHEESE! *Early High Schooler*



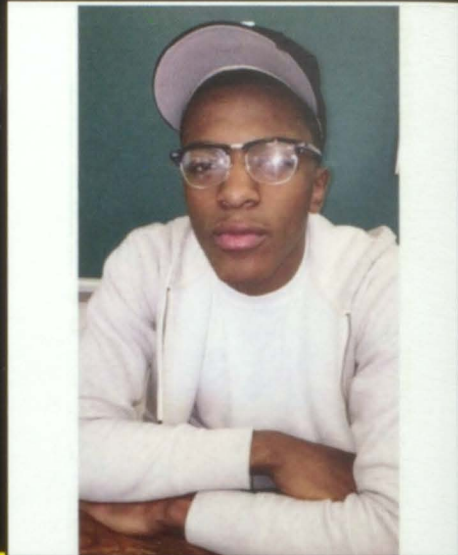
8TH GRADE FAREWELL DANCE

Early High Schooler



The Best of the Best

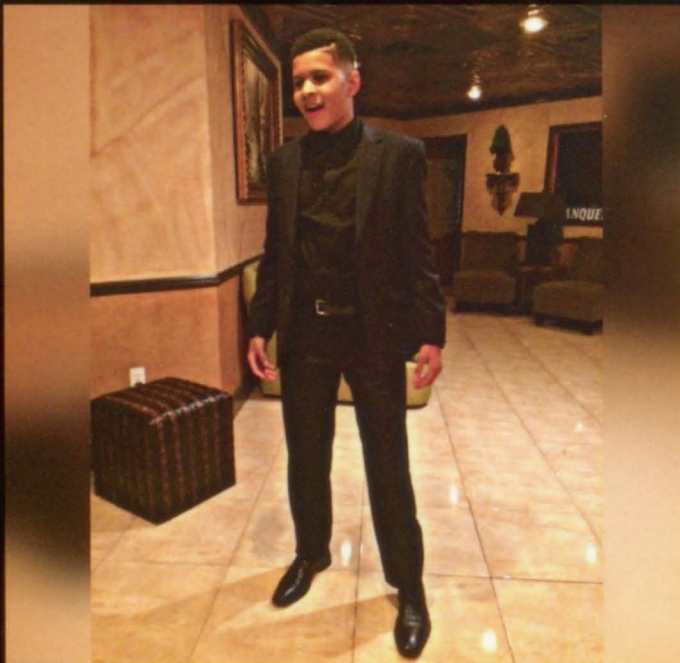
**CLASS
CLOWN**



Marad Banks

**BIGGEST
FLIRT**

Quinton Sanguinette

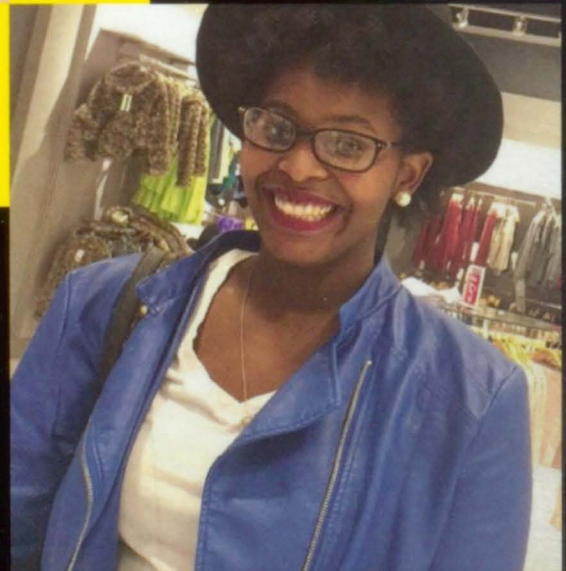


**MOST LIKELY
TO SUCCEED**



Caleb & Julicea

**CUTEST
COUPLE**



Terri Coleman

BEST DRESSED



Elijah Lott



Julicea Wilson

MOST TALKATIVE



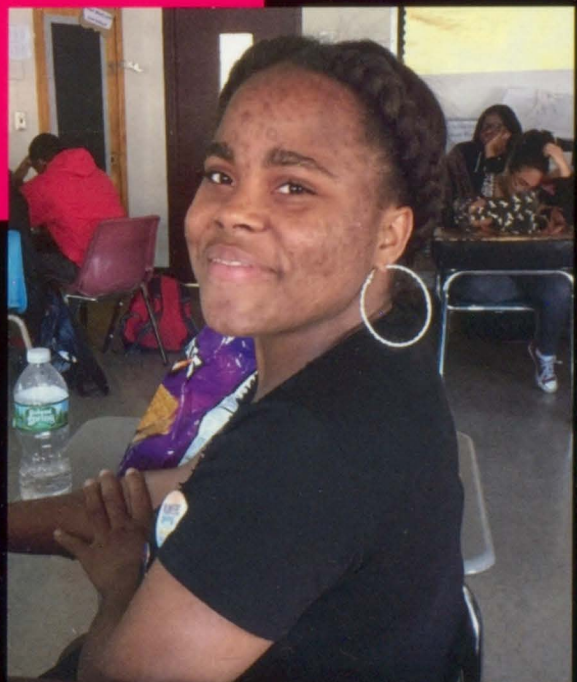
Shakeith Cohen-Key

MOST LAID BACK



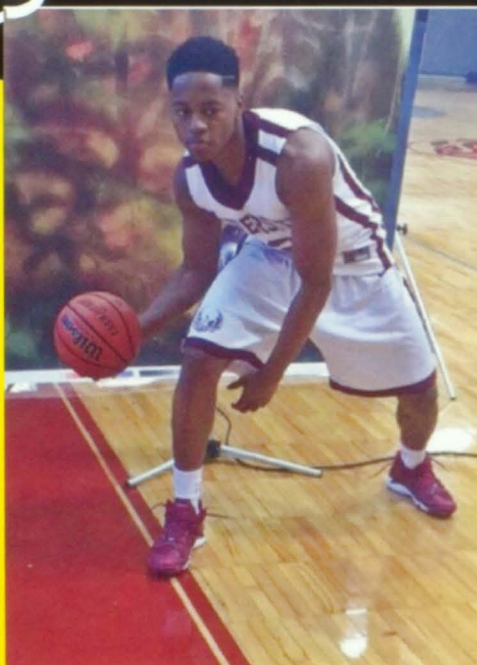
Tariq McKenith

TEACHER'S PET



Merissa Archer

**BEST
ATHLETES**

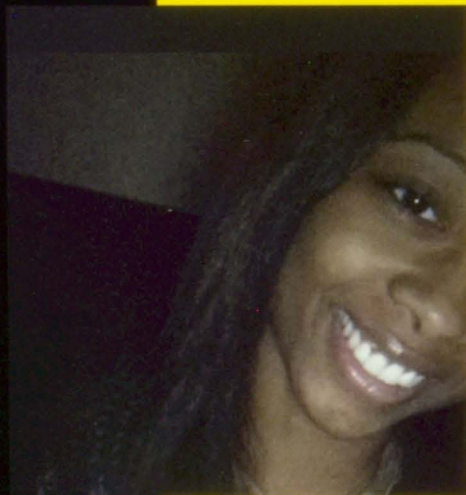


Zamir Wright



Jihayah Chavis

**BEST
SMILES**



Desiree Wright & Haamid Abdullah

MOST BLUNT

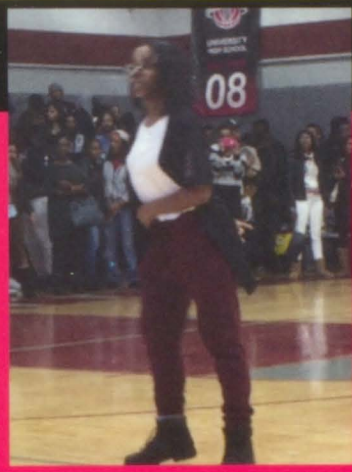


Raheem Payne

BEST DANCERS



Rasheed Mells



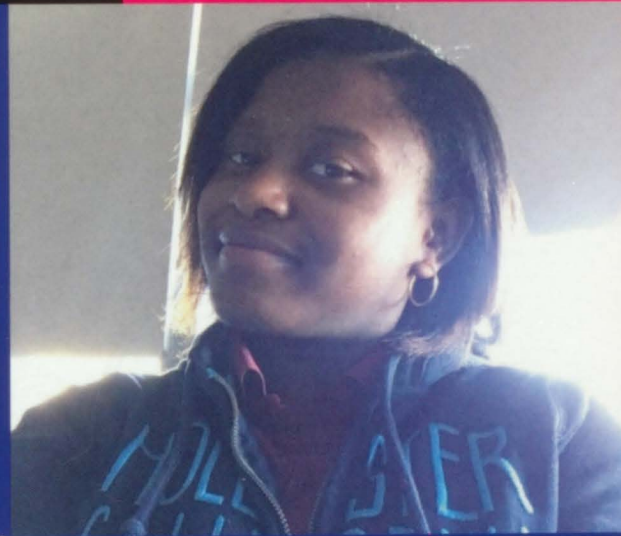
Aliyah Rawles

CLASS SAINT



Niamber Stedman

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OVER ACHIEVER

MOST LIKELY TO WIN "THE VOICE"



Aniya Alexandre

CLASS HUSTLER



Da'Quon Benders



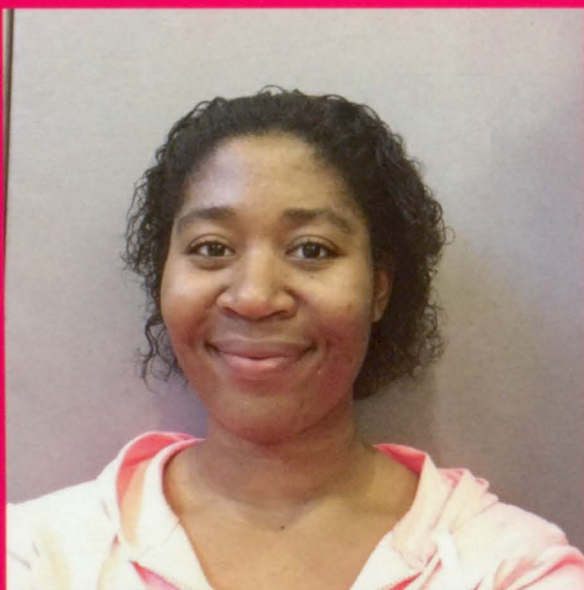
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WORST CASE OF SENIORITIS



Rodney Brown

THE FRIENDLIEST



Niamber Stedman

LIFE OF THE PARTY



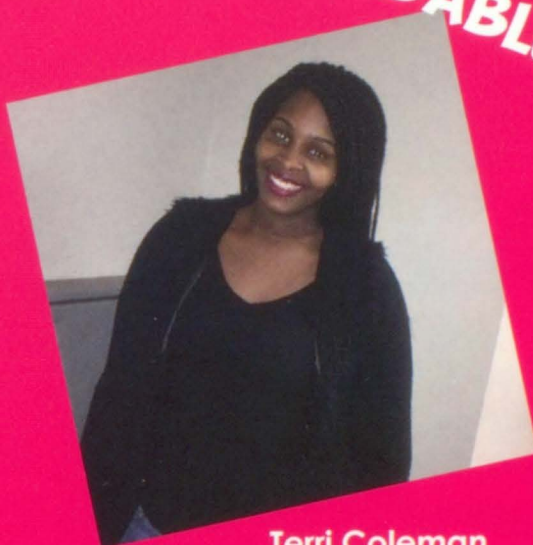
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FUNNIEST LAUGH



MOST DEPENDABLE



Terri Coleman

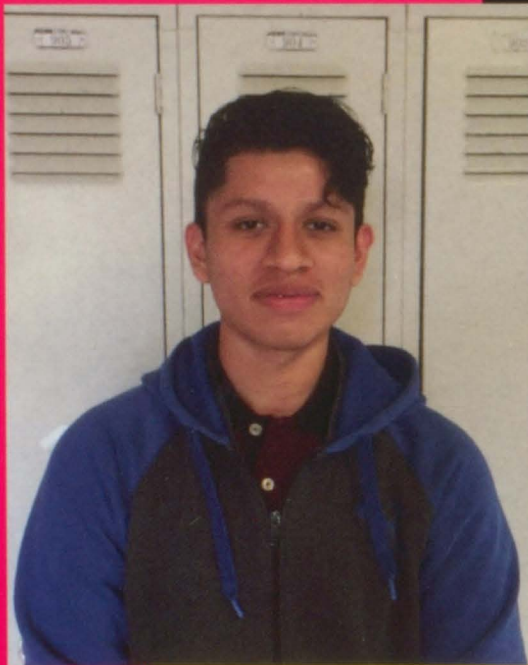
MOST ECCENTRIC



Kayla Flounoy

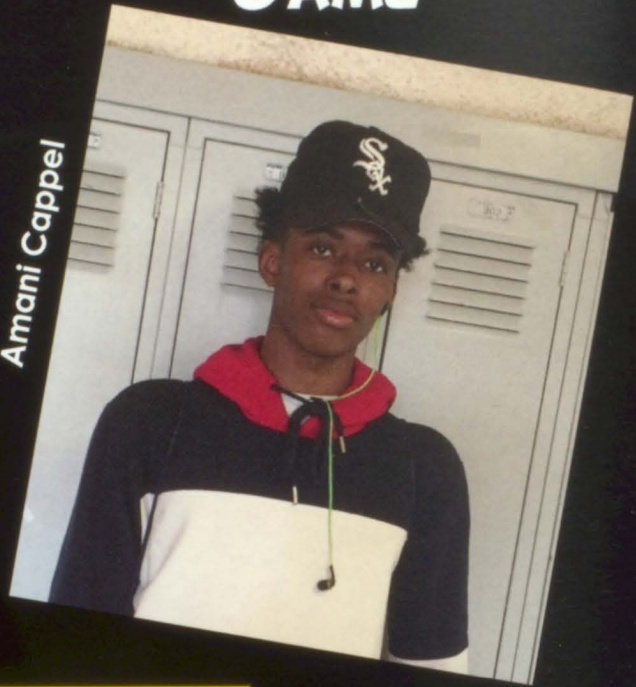
**BIGGEST
TRANSFORMATION**

Joe Remache



**STRONGEST HAT
GAME**

Amani Cappel

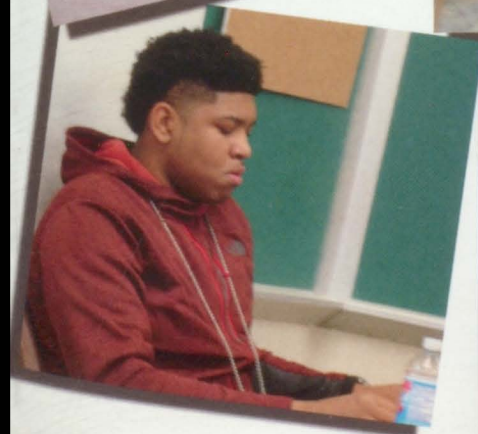
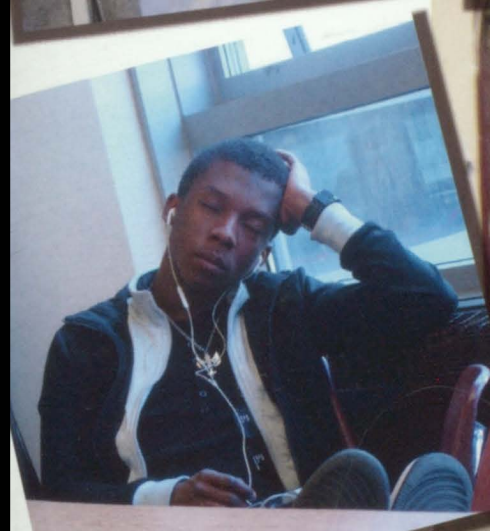
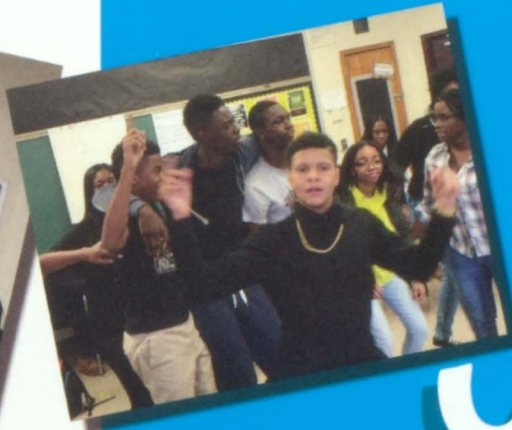
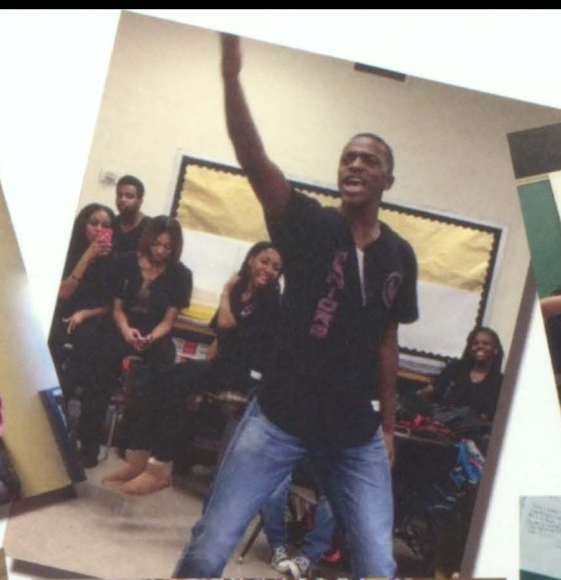
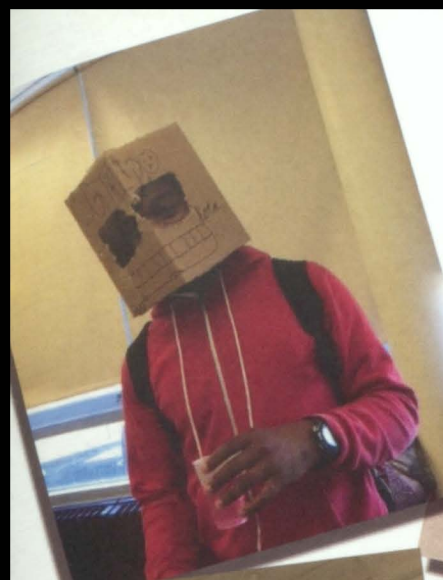


**MOST LIKELY
TO HAVE A
REALITY
SHOW**



Marad Banks

Student Life

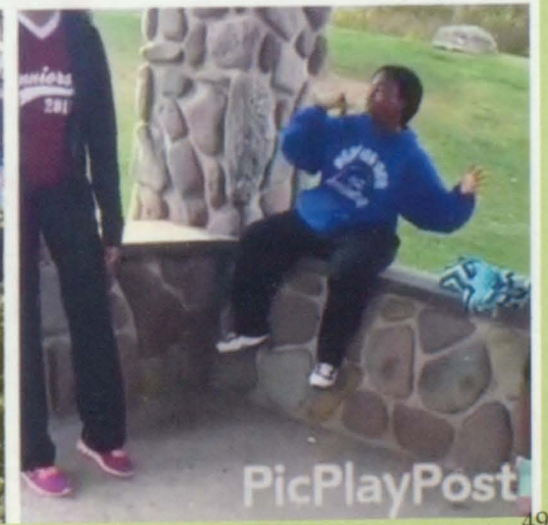
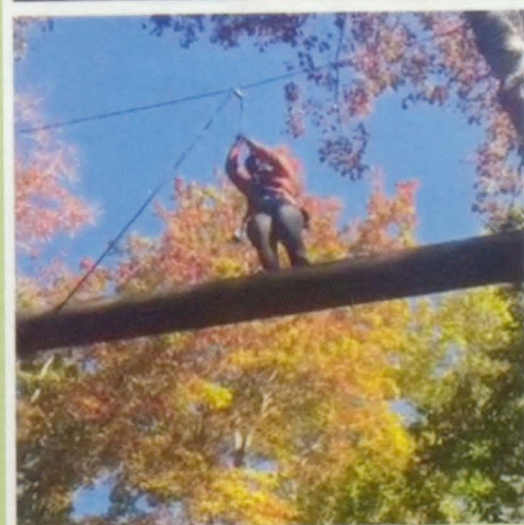
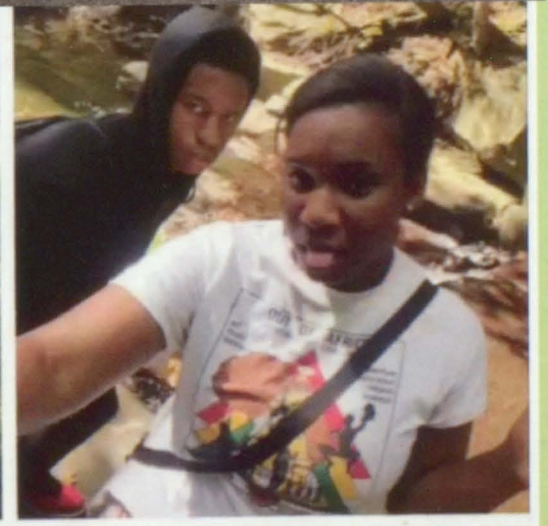
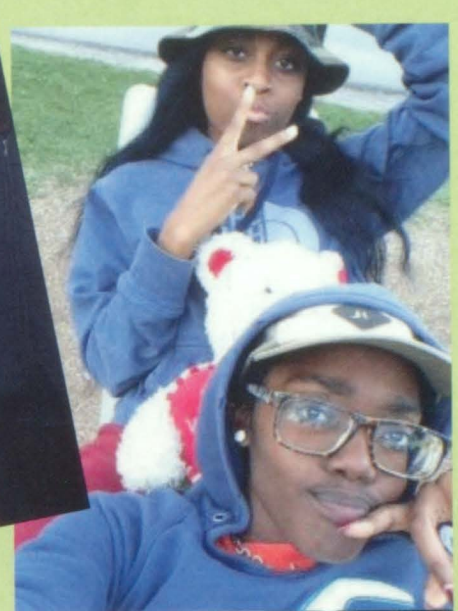
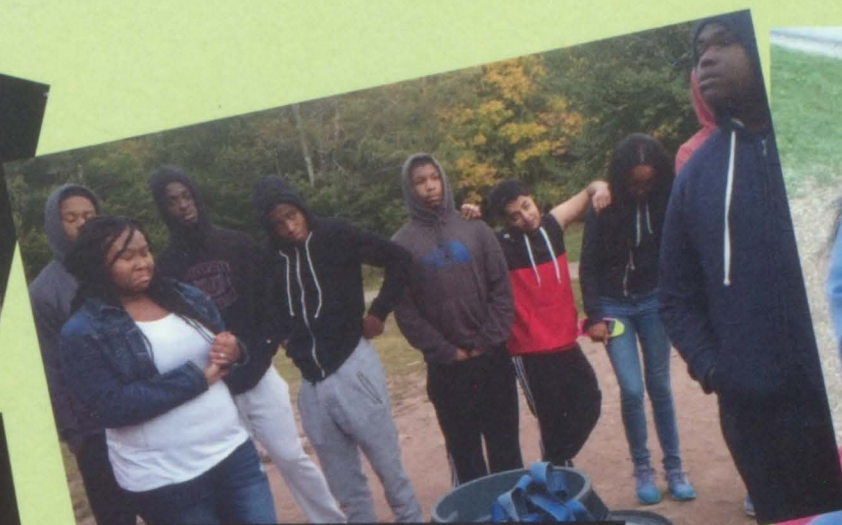


P_{eer} G_{roup} C_{onnection}



PGC or Peer Group Connection is a program where seniors meet with groups of freshmen every week to help build community across grades. Peer leaders are there to help the freshmen transition from middle to high school. Peer leaders talk about things that will help freshmen be successful in high school, like balancing a social life, peer pressure, and relationships. Every week peer leaders meet in small groups and participate in activities that enable everyone to get to know each other and build a positive environment.





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UNIVERSITY'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

"Because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do."

Steve Jobs



*Brandon Dodson
President*

My time being the National Honor Society President was far more enjoyable than stressful. I am glad that I had the privledge to serve my peers and the community and meet many bright underclassmen. This was definitely one of the highlights of my high school career.



Haamid Abdullah



Faith Adelufosi



Merissa Archer



Da'Quon Benders



Khadija Bhatti



Brianna Brinson



Terri Coleman



Kaitlin Coleman



Mariel Cruz



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Da'Niyah Goodwin



Teylahna Green



Mohammad Raja

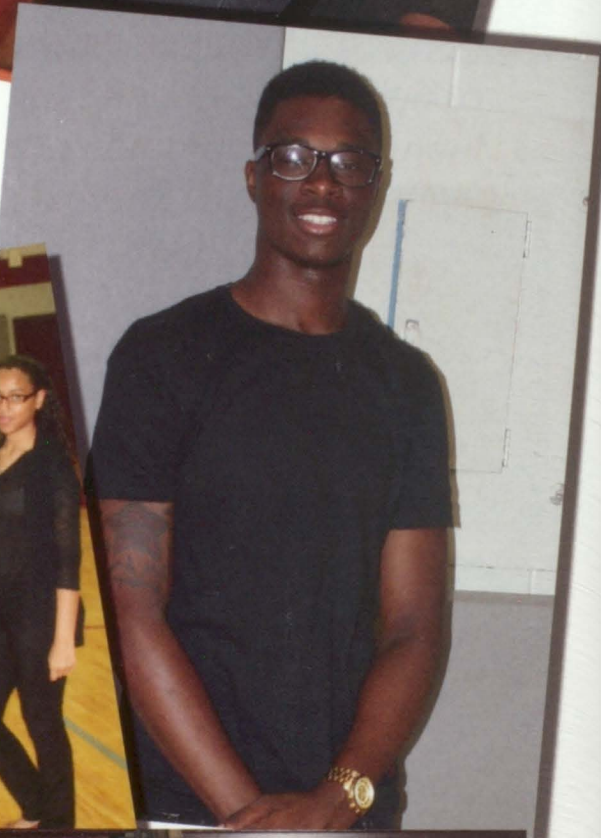
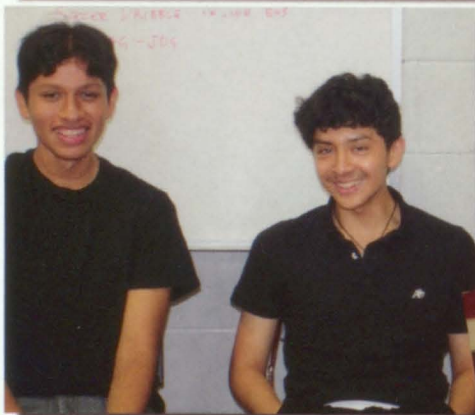
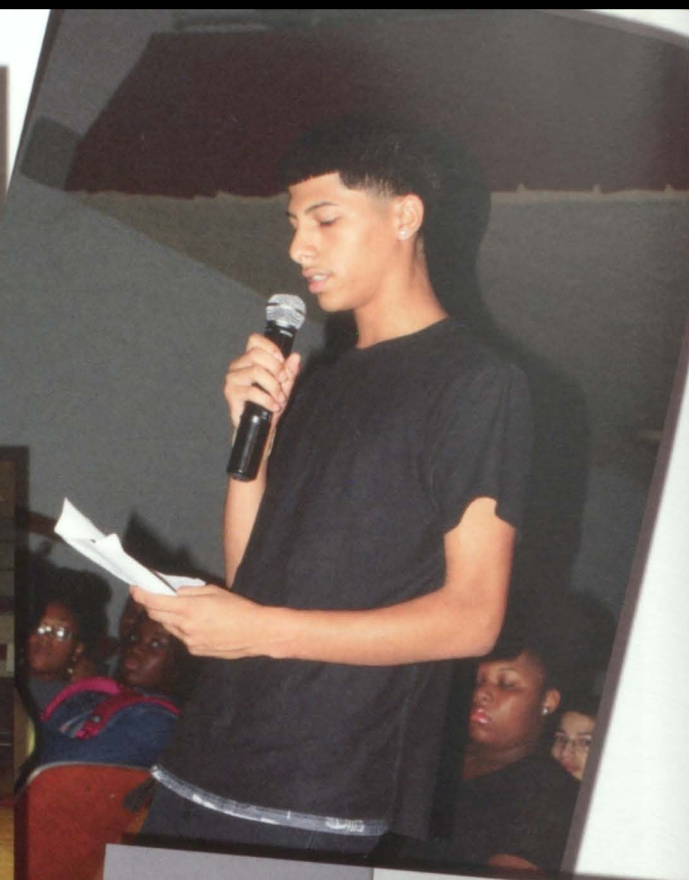
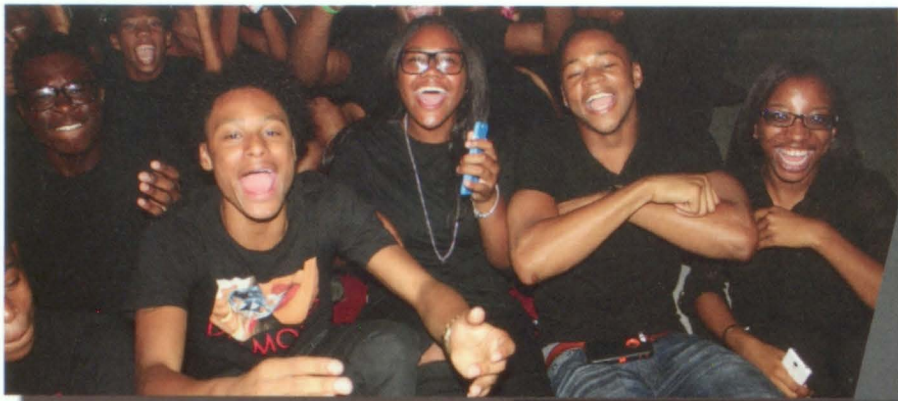


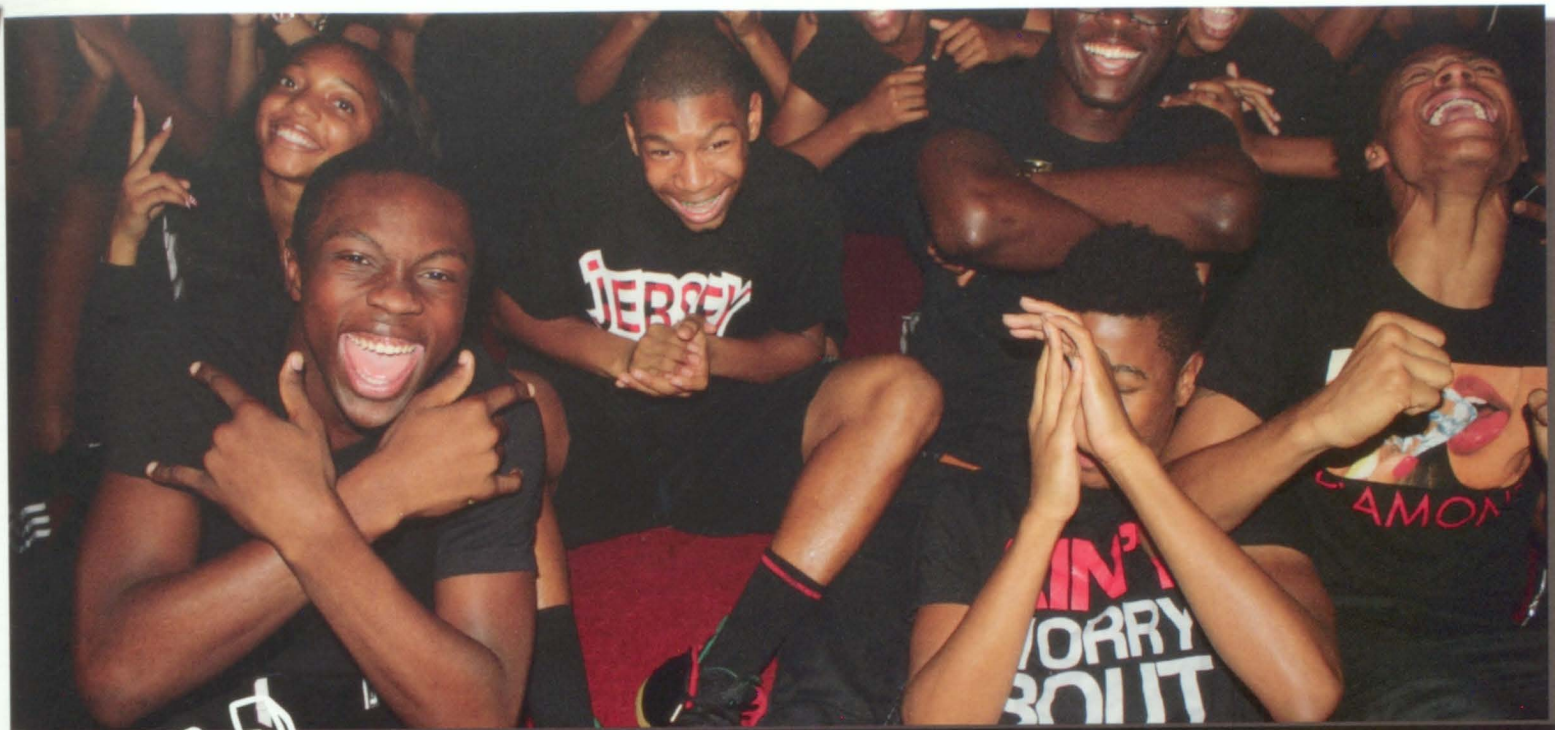
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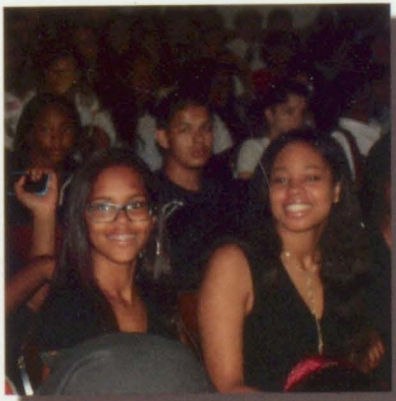
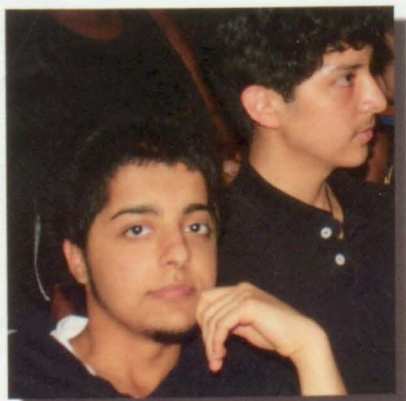
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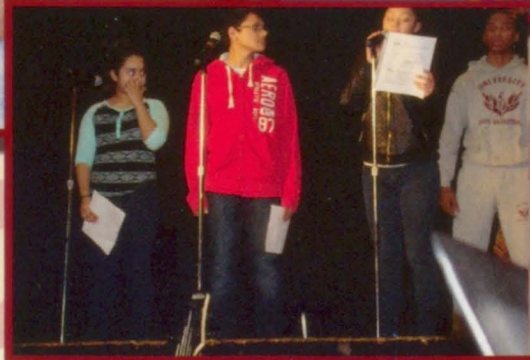
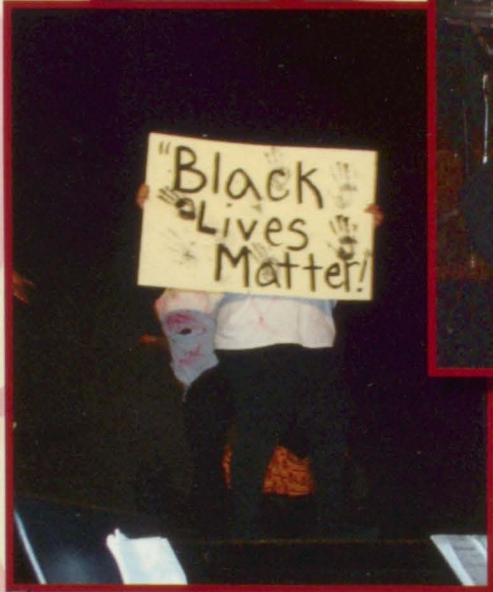
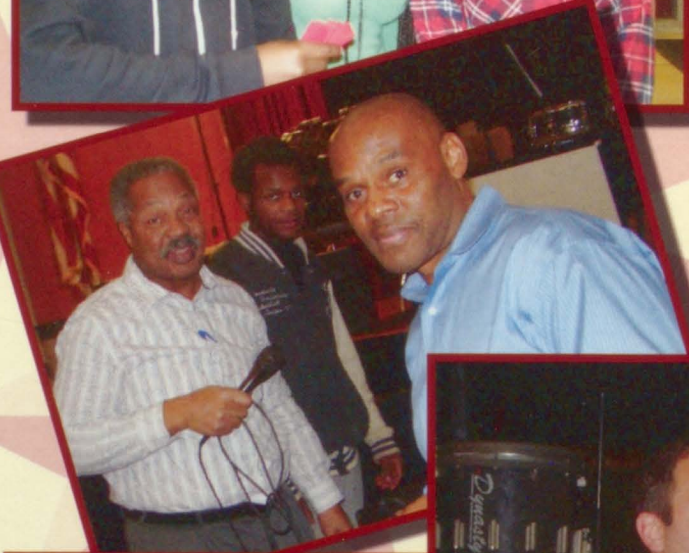


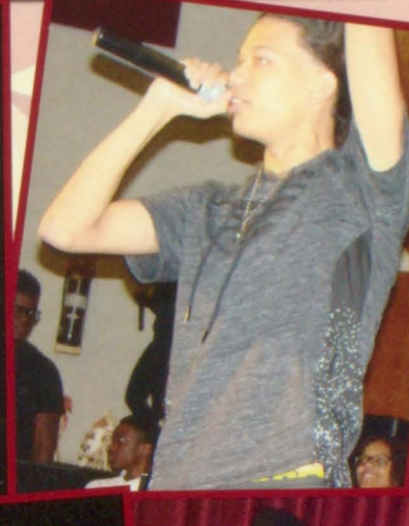
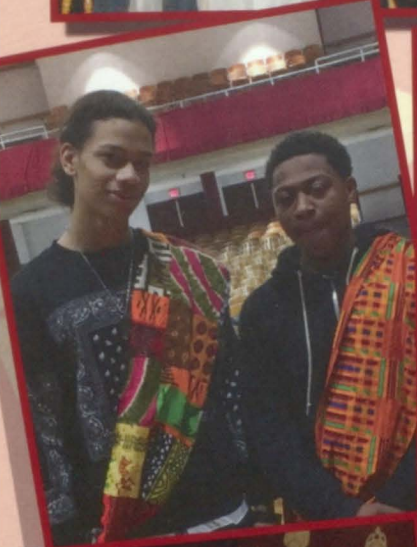
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Black History Month

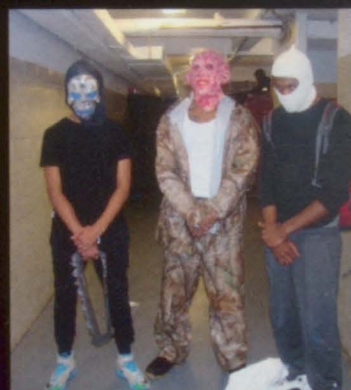
The month consisted of various activities which included a poetry cafe and a dramatization of "A Raisin in the Sun" and monologues of slave narratives.

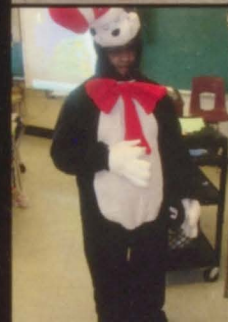




HALLOWEEN

Seniors host annual Haunted House





SCHOOL SPIRIT

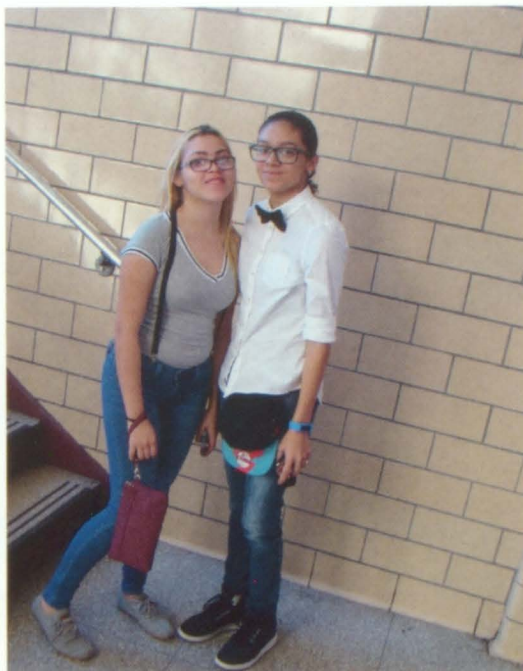


Twins





NERDS

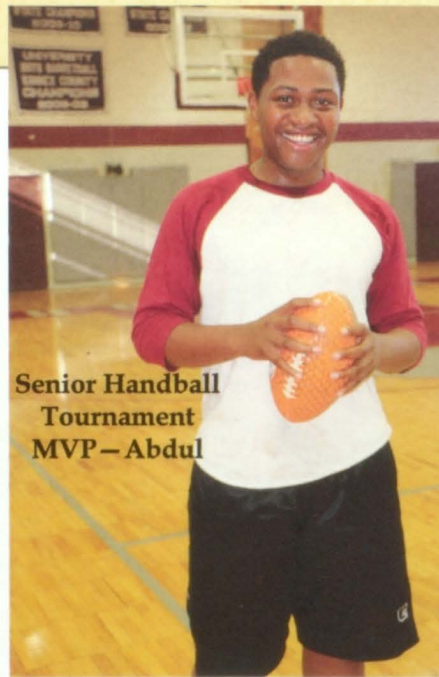


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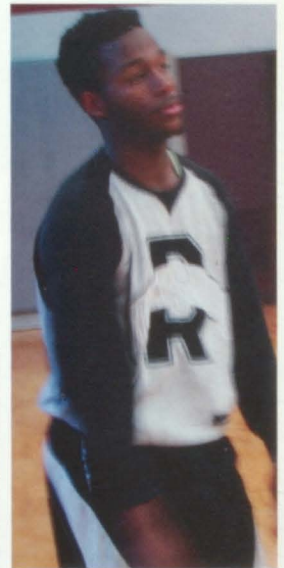
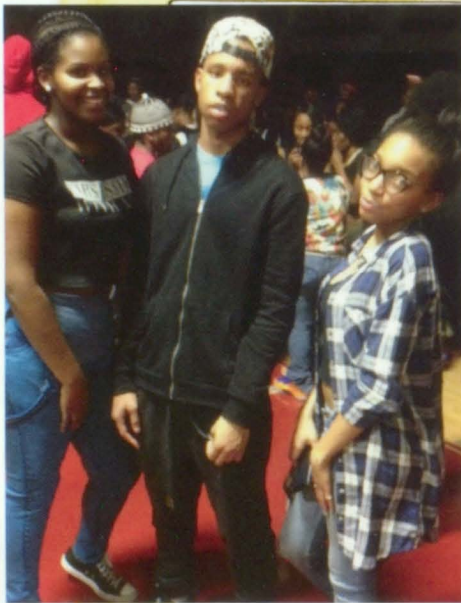




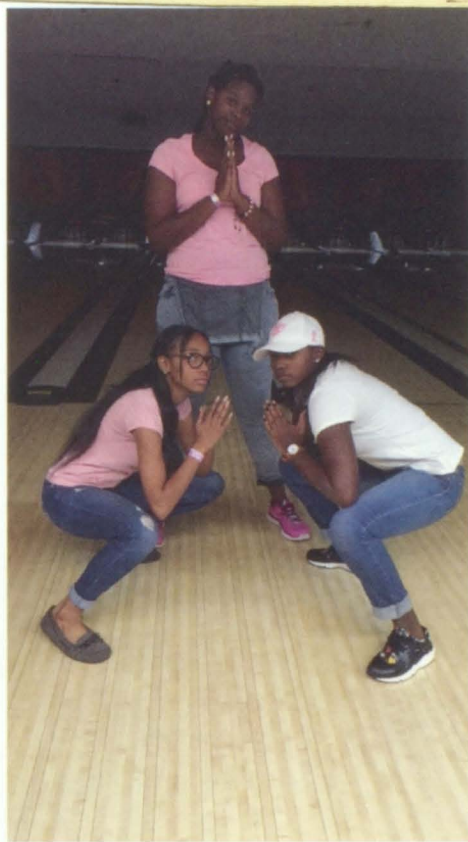
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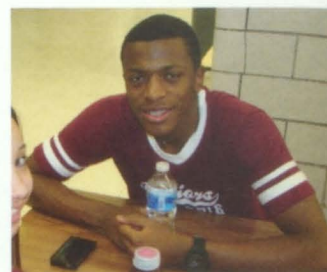
Senior Handball
Tournament
MVP—Abdul



Senior Handball Tournament



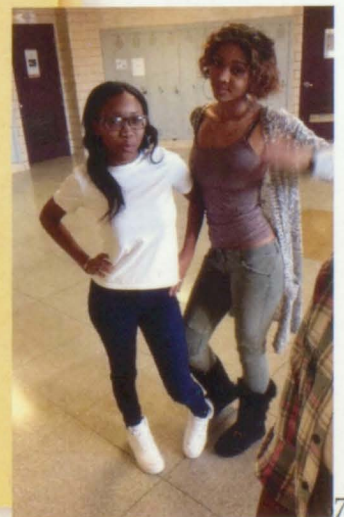
THROWBACKS





THROWBACKS





University's Law Academy



Terri Coleman

My experience in the Law Academy has been the experience of a lifetime. I value it even more as an aspiring attorney. The information I learned is equal to a 21 year old in law school. I have received a \$100,000 education in 4 years in the law academy, and I am extremely grateful for this academic experience.

Although I entered the Law Academy my junior year, I have rose to the expectations of the program and academically strived with my peers. While it was challenging at times, the Law Academy was well worth.



Jeanna Johnson



Haamid Abdullah



Damasja Anderson



Da'Quon Benders



Gisselle DeJesus



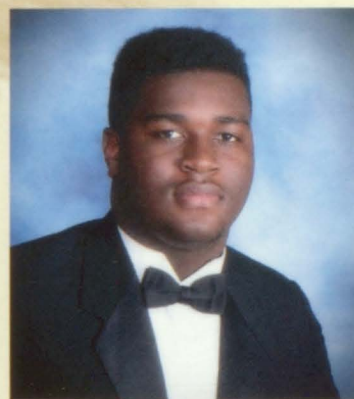
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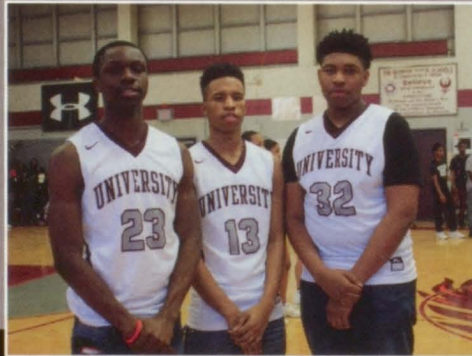
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Quinton Sanguinette

*"Injustice anywhere
is a threat to justice everywhere."
~Martin Luther King Jr.~*

SPIRIT WEEK



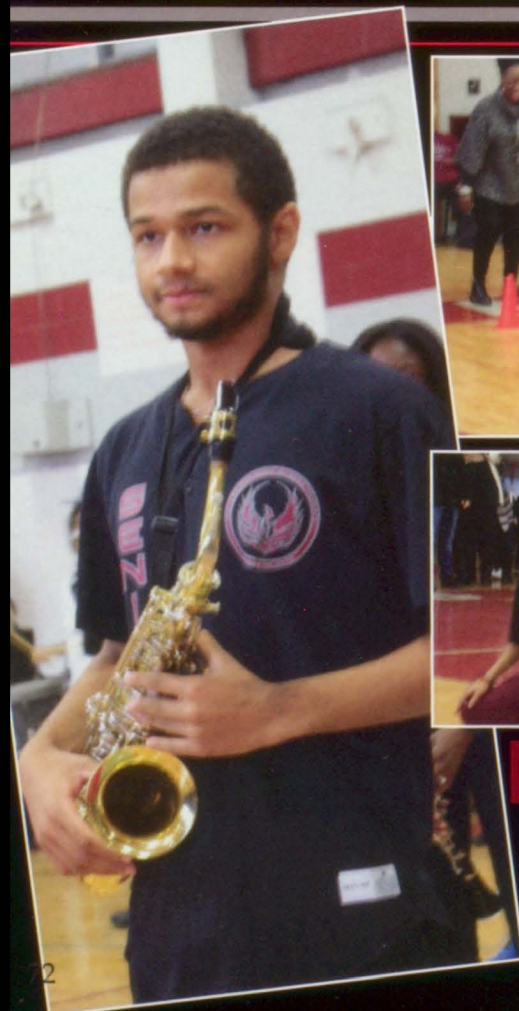
PEP RALLY

School Spirit



UHS PEP RALLY

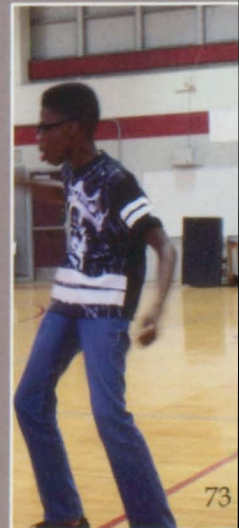
Phoenix Family



Phoenix Pride

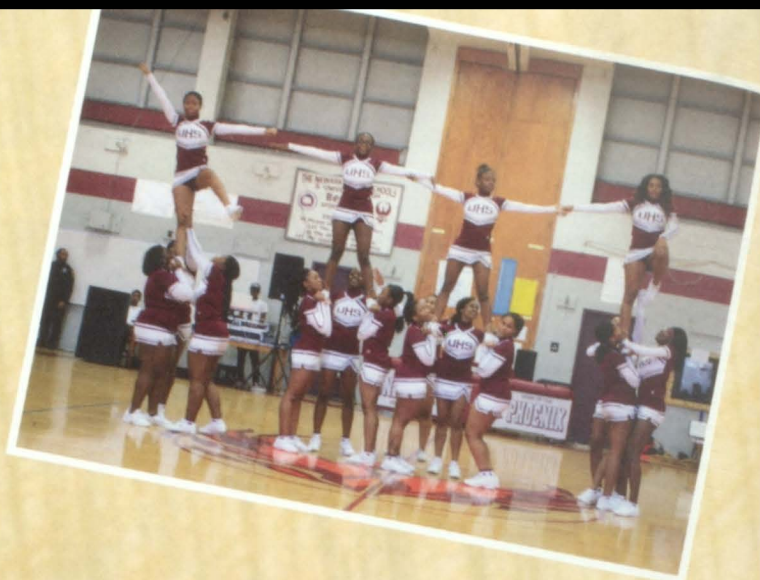


University's Annual Pep Rally is a time to celebrate the winter and spring teams. The Phoenix Family joins together to kick off the season with music, dance, and games.





Valerie Barnes
Athletic Director

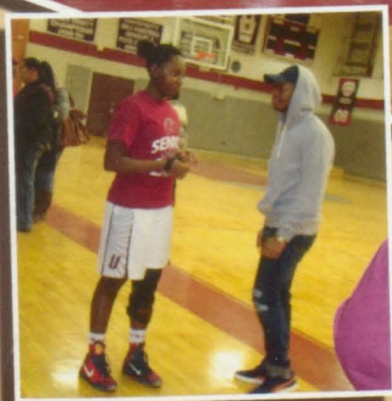
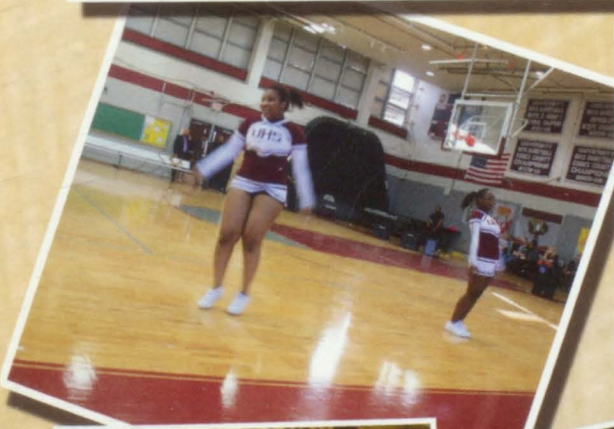
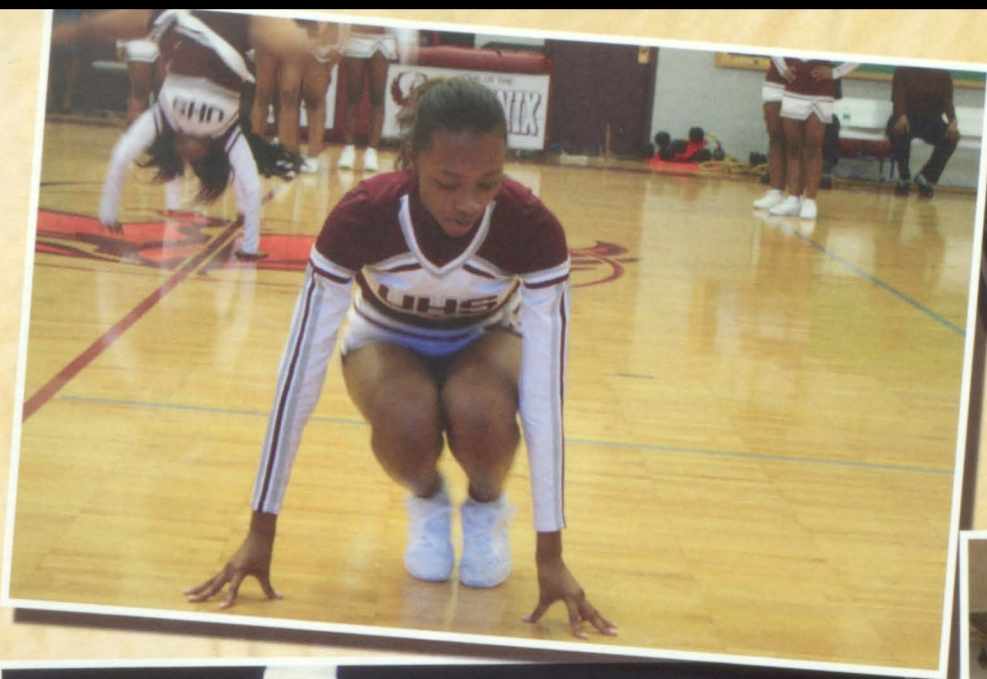


The past six years working with the coaches and student-athletes was such a joy. It was a pleasure getting to know the students and coaches. University HS will always have a special place in my heart and is my second home.

Good luck to all the student-athletes, going out with a blast, both boys and girls made history winning the Group 1 State Championship.

"All my Love" Ms. Barnes

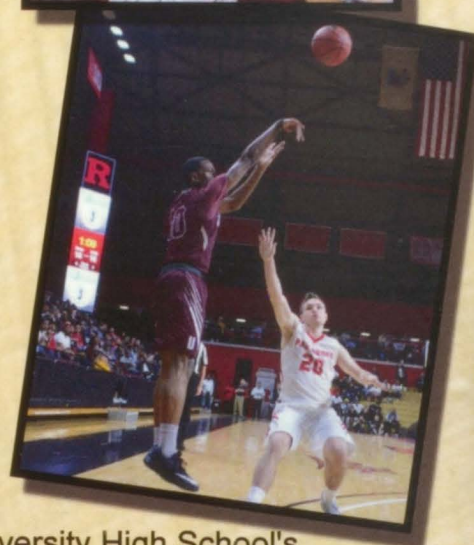
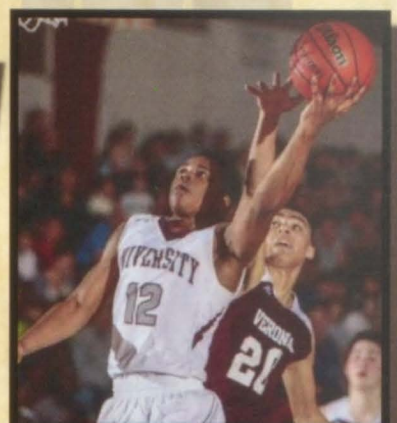
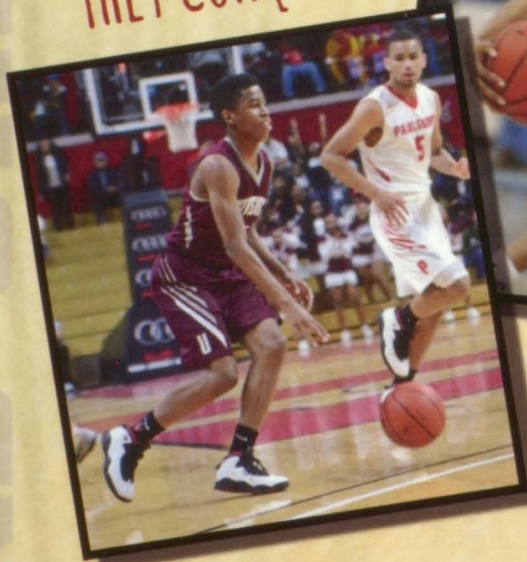




BASKETBALL

BOYS AND GIRLS

THEY CAME...
THEY SAW...
THEY CONQUERED!



**Champions
that made
HISTORY!**

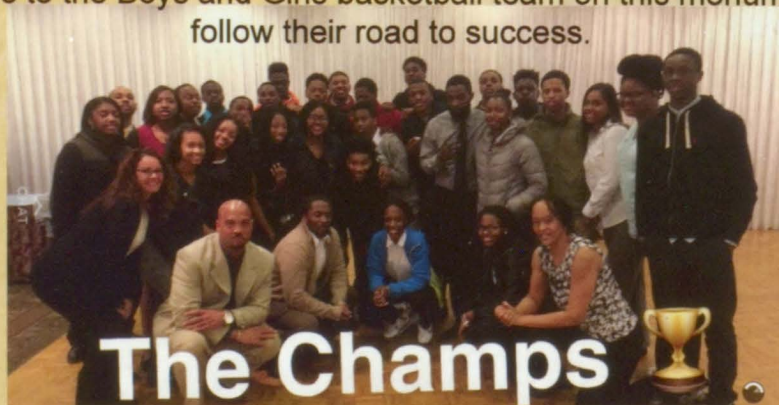
On March 13, 2016, for the first time in history, University High School's Boys and Girls basketball teams won the Group1 North Sectional II Championship and the Group I State Championship.

Michael Jordan once stated,
"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up.

Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

His quote exemplifies the dedication and commitment by each team to reach the ultimate goal: winning the championship. The accomplishments of each team will resonate for years to come and is a true testament of their four years of hard work along with the strong leadership and guidance they received from their coaches.

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls basketball team on this monumental year and follow their road to success.



The Champs

Head Coach Girls Basketball Amiri Baraka Jr.

- ➔ University High School Alumnus (Class of '90)
- ➔ 1st year as Head Basketball Coach of UHS Girls Basketball
- ➔ 1st Sectional and State Championship in a single season
- ➔ Dedicates the championship to his late sister, former UHS Basketball Player Shani Baraka
- ➔ Credits the Senior Class of 2016 for their role in winning the state championship.



"I love coaching this group of girls."
-Coach Amiri Baraka Jr.



Head Coach Boys Basketball Head Coach Elijah Allen

St. Benedicts Alumnus (Class of '93)
11th and final year as U.H.S. Boys Basketball Head Coach

4th Sectional and State Championship in a single season

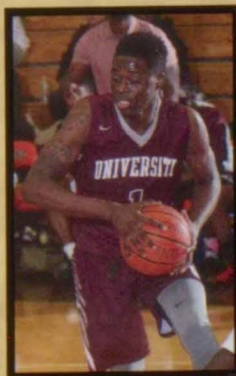
Won a total of five Sectional Championships

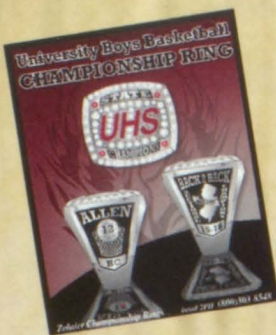
Two Essex County Championships

Credits the Senior Class of 2016 with being one of the best senior classes he has ever had.



"I love these young men like sons." -
Coach Elijah Allen



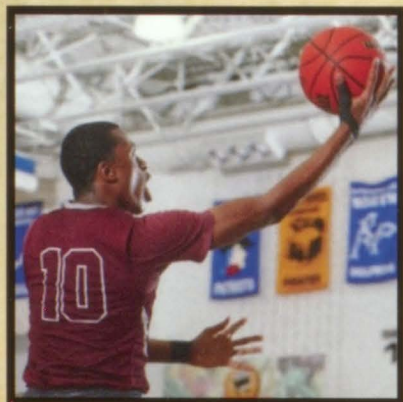


BOYS BASKETBALL



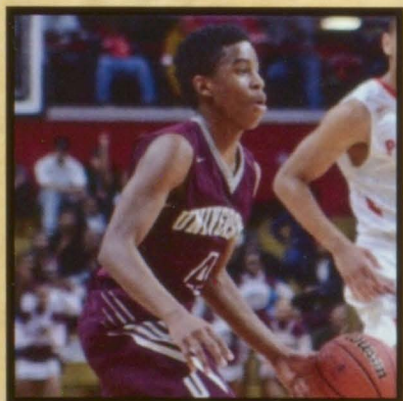
Haamid Abdullah
Power Forward

As every year went by, I realized that is almost over. We've gotten this far and won it all. This is our last year, and it's no doubt that we're going out with a bang. I'm going to miss the team, but everything comes to an end. I wish everybody the best of luck. I'm on to bigger and better things.



Marad Banks
Shooting Guard

Playing ball as a senior has helped me appreciate all the people who played a role in molding me into a better athlete and young man. The best moment was winning a championship. I love being apart of the Phoenix Family, I love my brothers. I will miss seeing and playing with my team very dearly.



Tariq McKenith
Point Guard

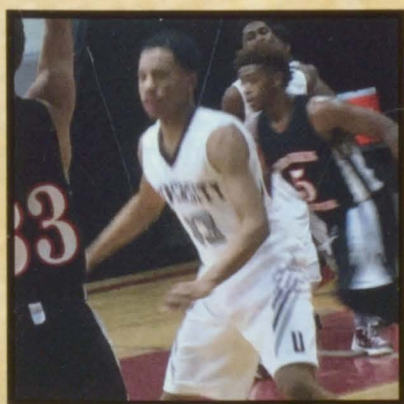
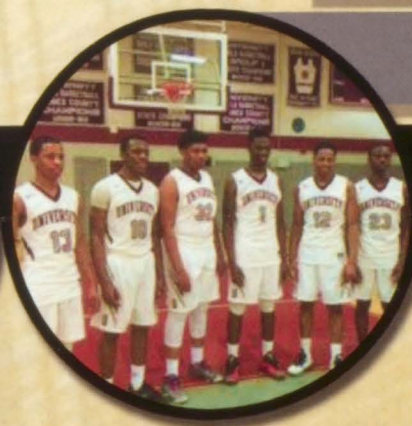
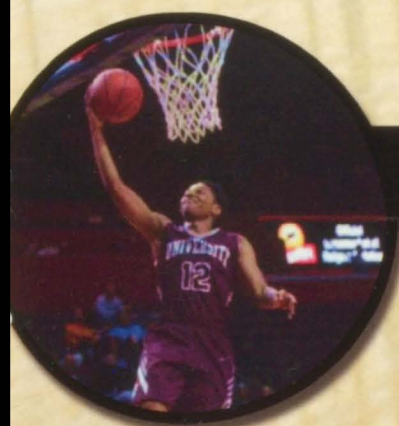
My experience playing basketball as a senior has been fun. This had to be the funniest team I ever played for. I'll miss the players the most because they always had me laughing. We won a championship together too. It was lit!!!





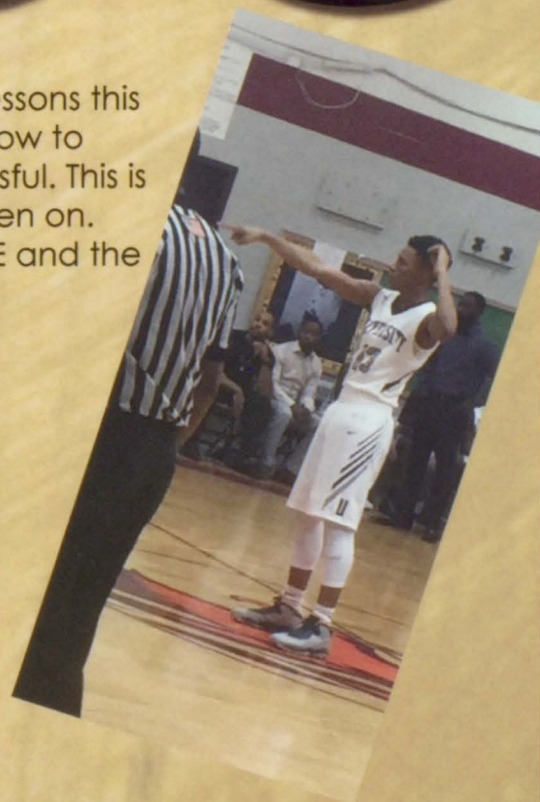
Shaquan Mickens
Forward

I came a long way in my 4 years of basketball. My freshman year, I came from wanting to quit, to playing in a championship and winning. Also to my junior year showing up big time in the sectional championship; those were my biggest and best moments. I'm going to miss playing with my brothers and coach E talking about his "buckets and chips." It was overall a great experience and a lot of life learning moments. STATE CHAMPS!

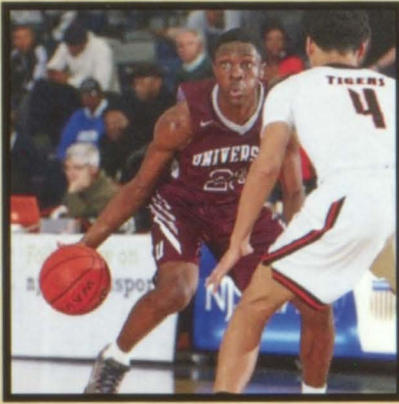


Shaheen Roberts
Guard

Being on this team has taught me life lessons this year. It showed me how to be tough, how to fight, and how to go hard to be successful. This is the funniest sports team I have ever been on. Now what I will miss the most is Coach E and the guys, I love yall.



BOYS BASKETBALL



Isa Williams
Forward

This experience was the best. We were always having fun before the games and pushing each other to do better both on and off the court. My favorite memory was the festival of phoenix. It was so lit and fun. I will miss the team and basketball.





Zamir Wright
Forward

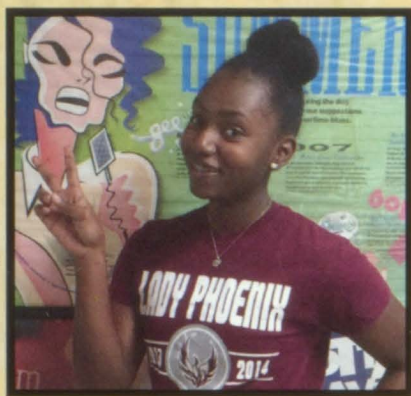
The best moments of my highschool career was the Festival of Phoenix games because the atmosphere was always crazy. I enjoyed being on the varsity team for four years, I got to play with different groups of guys that became my brothers. I think I'm going to miss the preparation before the games with the team listening to music and fooling around before the games.



Dasquel Robles
Team Manager

This team experience was amazing. Coach E was great. Even though I'm just team manager, they made me feel like I was on the team. This isn't just a team, it's a family. I wish I would have joined sooner. My best moment would have to be senior night, or the time we scored 107 points. I'm really going too miss my team. The love was real! 100%





Brianna Brinson
Guard/Forward



The best moment that I had as a senior was stepping back on the court after a year off. Being back with my second family (team) just made me happy. And winning a state championship has trumped the year, which has become the highlight of this season and my high school career.



Jihayah Chavis
Point Guard/Shooting Guard

I never would have imagined that in my high school career I would have so much success. My most memorable moment would have to be when I scored my 1000 points as a junior. I'm going to miss the coaches and my teammates. They have shaped me to become the best I can be.

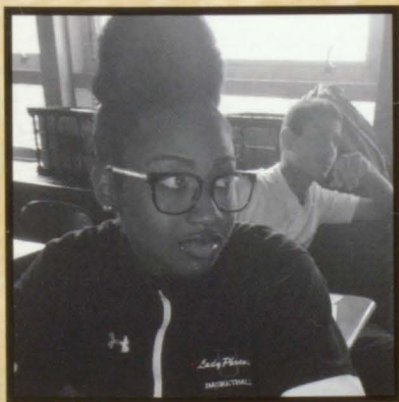
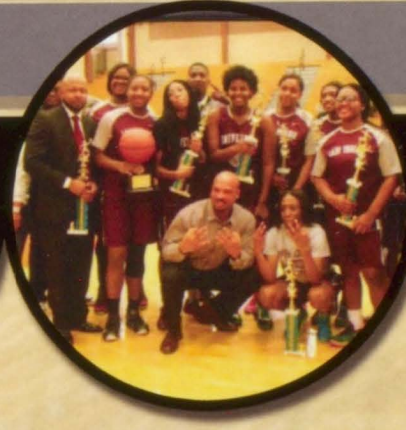


GIRLS BASKETBALL



Terri Coleman
Center

Four years on the lady phoenix basketball team was a rocky rollercoaster, but when senior year came it was absolutely without a doubt the best. The best moment being when we won Newark Public Schools Christmas Tournament. I am so lucky to have some of the best teammates.



Jeylahna Green
Forward

I will miss just being able to play and the bond that I had with the girls on this team. We finally have a title behind our names and each year we made it further than the last. I will just miss the whole basketball team and all the fun moments with the team.



GIRLS BASKETBALL



Shadiyyah Guyton
Small Forward

Being on the team for me was great. I enjoyed every moment this year. What I will miss the most are my teammates. Imma miss iyah and hiyah. My most memorable moment was when we won the championship. I wish everybody the best of luck. Shoutout to the coaching staff which I have learned a lot from them. Shoutout to Ms.Blake too.



Jyannah Moore

The best moment is when I made my half court shot to go up 3pts in the game. I really enjoyed this season. I'm going to miss the rides to the games and singing the national anthem before every game.



Tyler Ray-Young

I'm truly going to miss my team. After all the things we have been through we have accomplished a lot. Made it to being State Champs. I will miss the good moments we've shared in and outside of practice. For everyone who has doubted us, we proved them wrong. I wish everyone well. 1 2 3 Lady Phoenix 4 5 6 Family.





Nakiyah Sanders

One thing I can say is that we are a family. We been through thick and thin and became champs in our senior year. It's been a long journey. Love you all.



CHEERLEADING



Desirre Wright
Captain

School was really the reason I cheered because the basketball teams were good and i wanted to cheer them on at every game. My experience was different every year. It was always something new. I had fun and i wouldn't change it for anything.



Asha James
Cheer Manager

I have really enjoyed being a University High School cheerleader and a team manager. I have learned a lot. Everyone says that cheerleading is not really a sport but it take just as much hard work and dedication to be a cheerleader. I am going to miss it so much. I will miss stunting the most because that's my favorite part of cheerleading. #CheerIsLife





VOLLEYBALL



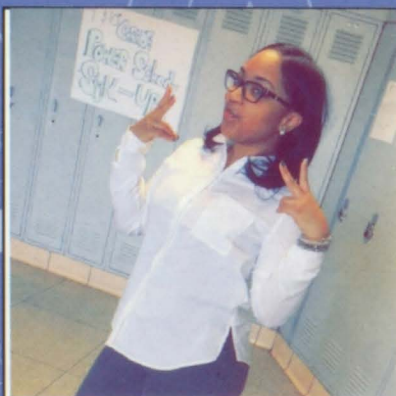
Teylahna Green
Middle

I will miss just being able to get out there and play. I will also miss the bond that I had with the girls. There are a lot of things I won't forget about this season. I'm going to miss playing volleyball so much. Playing volleyball was an amazing 4 year experience.



Khariah Neal
Middle

Six phoenix, on the court, bump and set, KILL! When asked "How was your experience?" this is the first thing that comes to mind. I believe that a team is a family whether for the season or the whole year. The ladies on the team made my senior year of volleyball the best ever.



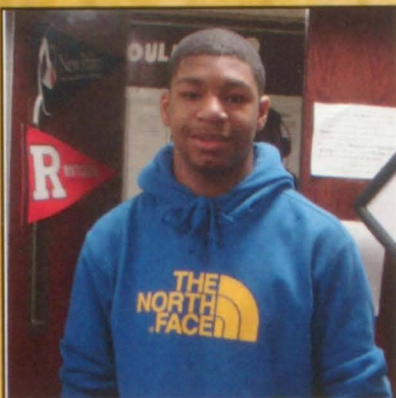
Zaniyah Stevenson
Co-Captian/Passer

Playing a sport as a senior was very overwhelming but it takes a lot of work to maintain the sport and your grades. It really takes the best of the best. I will miss the laughters and sisterhood we had, it's great carrying these traits along with me to college. Volleyball has taught me real life traits.





BOWLING



Da'Quon Benders

It was an exciting experience and I have created stronger bonds with my fellow teammates. Best memories with bowling was ability to kick but with 3 of my bestfriends. For Lacrosse the best moments were when we flowed together together and played hard. Mostly I will miss my teammates (Brandon,Raheem,Atasha and Tyeshia)and the excitement of both sports.



Tyeshia Dawson

Bowling season was really fun and full of great laughs and memories. Everyday on the bus, we would act crazy because that was our way of "getting ready" for the game. Then once we got to the alley, we put our game faces on. In all, I will always remember the good times we have had and I will miss you guys.

Atasha Moore with her Essex county plaque, she finished 3rd in the county.



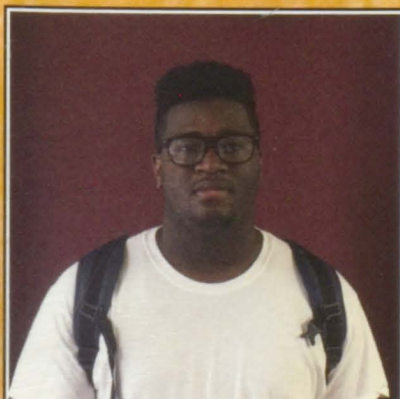
Brandon Dodson
Anchor

When we had bowling season I always had something to look forward to. Whether we had practice or a game, the bus rides and competition between other teams I always had fun. I will definitely miss Ms. Dean and Raheem, Atasha, Tyeshia and Daquan being a team the most.



Atasha Moore

I started bowling my sophomore year and we never won but my last year was the best not just because we won or because we ranked the third best female bowler in Essex county but because I won with my friends. We shared so many jokes about Dean Dean and making Ms. Dean think me and Da'Quon date and everything else. I really love yall man.

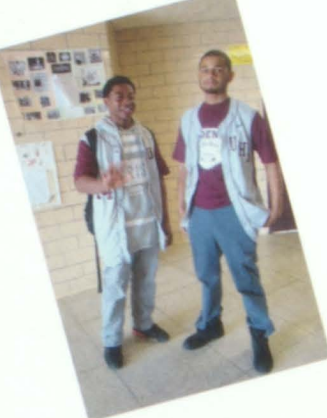


Raheem Dayne

Some of the best moments include our varsity team winning the division championship kicking central ass like 4 times. Being on the team brought all of us closer outside of bowling. I think i'll miss making Ms. Dean think Da'Quon and Atasha talk, and the bus rides after the games and practice.

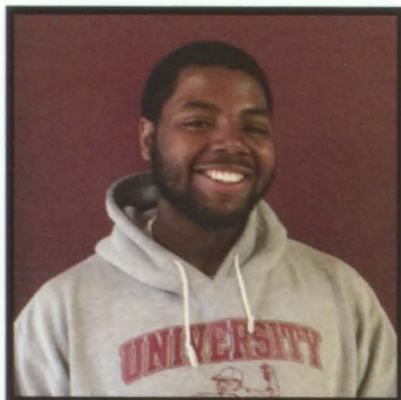
BOWLING

BASEBALL



*Abdul-Aleem Brown
Second Base, Outfield*

My experience playing baseball has brought a great amount of fun and laughter. I enjoyed playing a sport which has brought so many friends that I will really miss when I head off to college. This experience has been by far the best of my high school year.



*Davon Moate
Outfield*

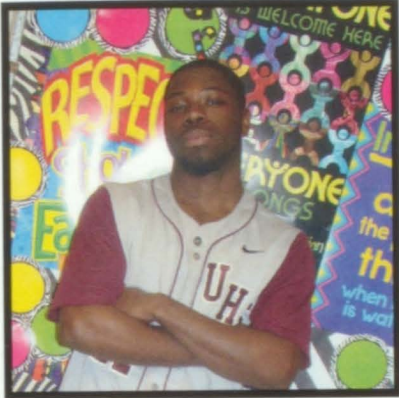
I didn't think baseball was a lot of fun until I played. This is my last year and so far I am enjoying baseball. Hopefully the rest of the year will be fun.





Dasquel Robles
Second Baseman

I really love baseball. It held me down these past four years. The team was awesome and I got the chance to meet some great people. Every moment was a best moment. I will miss everything about the sport from the crack of the bat to the smell of the dirt.



Ahmad Smith
Third Baseman

Being a part of University baseball team has been a great experience, but playing as a senior has been a little saddening because everything I do will be my last time doing it as a phoenix. What I will miss the most is my teammates I'm leaving behind and hitting bombs at Valisburg park.



Quinton Sanguinette
Second Baseman

Playing baseball was my escape going through senior year. i've had alot of stress. When I get on the field I am free. It was never a moment where stuff interrupted my plan on the field. I've learned a lot like it's not only me in this world and on the field my teammates are my family, and I have to do my job to not let them down.

B A S E B A L L



SOFTBALL



Sariya Holmes
Pitcher

I love playing with the kids on the team. I am excited about all the relationships that I got to build just being on this team. I also enjoyed all the practices and games that we had this year. And the coaches are amazing and I am thankful for them.



Brianna Brinson

"LI..E!.... LI..E!..A!..... LI..E!..A!..D!..O!..FI..F!!!! LEAD OFF!!... LEAD OFF!!... LEAD OFF!!... WE NEED A HOME RUN!!!" Chanting, cheering, and fighting is what we do. Whether win or lose, we're all each other's biggest supporters but, most importantly, we are a family! We're a family that backs each other up and stands as a cutoff to finish each play. "3 UP, 3 DOWN!"

I love my team. I had a great time experience for the past two years of playing softball. It was fun throughout the season.

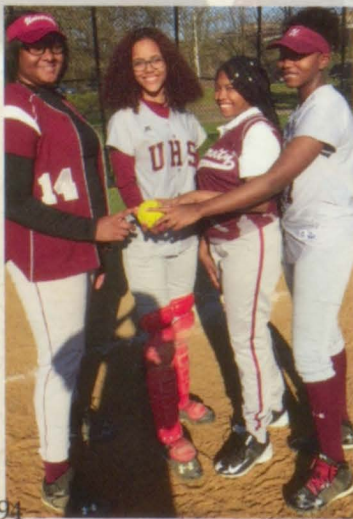


Nakiyah Sanders

I enjoyed spending time with my team. We laughed and played well even on the bad days. My teammates will forever be in my heart. The first time I stood on the plate to bat was the greatest experience. I will never forget my mother's look when I hit my first homerun. It was the best feeling.



Safiyyah Odom



Some of the best moments would have to be the bus rides back from the games after a good game. It was really fun just being on the team. What I will miss the most would be the game, my teammates, and my coach.



Bintou Traore
Outfield



SOFTBALL

STUDENT



Awatif Hisseine

I honestly didn't expect to have this much fun playing tennis. Even though practice was a pain sometimes they were the best. Arguing and competing against my teammates definitely helped build higher confidence and higher self esteem.



Jeanna Johnson

Tennis was a very fun experience that will be missed. Taking a leap of faith and trying something new turned out to be a memorable experience. I really enjoyed myself playing this sport. You only live once but you get to serve twice.





Nakiyah Sanders

Tennis was a fun experience. I love the team and enjoyed being part of the team. I will miss all of you but what I won't miss is the beaming sun.



Ibreyanah Turner

The best moment of the season was the last game at golden och when we took about an hour to get a group photo. I'm going to miss my team, my coach, and our assistant coach Shawn, I mean Shane! Lol

TENNIS



TRACK



Cecelia Chollette-Dickson

Being on the track team led me into a healthier lifestyle and encouraged me to branch out into new things. I enjoyed running everyday with my teammates and the way we pushed ourselves to the limit. We worked hard both mentally and physically. I will miss that feeling the most.



Asha' Decosey

Running track was a great experience. My best moment would be my first year running as a sophomore. For outdoor track we went to counties that year and I had to run in the 4X4 relay. I was so nervous but as a team we pushed through and came in third. Thanks to the coaches that pushed(X3) us and encouraged us to stay focused and be the best.



Aliyah Rawles

The best moments are actually the meets. They are the funniest, because the track team is the funniest. I cannot even elaborate because I have a bunch of stories from when I started sophomore year that are "you had to be there moments." I'll miss the laughs, but definitely not the feeling of burning yourself out before finishing the meet.



Shaheen Roberts

I started running track my sophomore year and I can honestly and sincerely say I am not the same person I was two winters ago. So thank you track for helping me gain mental, physical, and emotional toughness. Farewell to one of the programs that taught me essential life skills that I will carry forever.



Jne'a Smith

My senior year was my first year running track. Although most people wouldn't recommend waiting until your last year to join a sport, I'm glad I did. The team welcomed me in with open arms and helped me create unforgettable memories. Track made my senior year feel complete and now I know I want to continue this sport in college.

TRACK



PARTING WORDS FOR THE SENIOR CLASS FROM UNIVERSITY'S VALEDICTORIAN



Cecelia Chollete-Dickson

There were times when we felt like we had enough, times when Senioritis pushed through full force. Those times were the hardest, we were lacking and we were constantly reminded of it. However, I believe the Senior class—together and individually—overcame their struggles in their own ways and are considered success stories no matter what. We have had time to truly think about who we are as people, who we want to be, and how we could better ourselves. Seeing that process firsthand in this class could give anyone hope that nothing is impossible whether it's changing an attitude or going from a 1.0 to a 3.5 GPA.

The lessons we learned, the friendships we made, and the obstacles we overcame will be taken beyond these walls. Amazing memories like the boys and girls basketball team winning States back-to-back for the first time in history; winning in Family Feud; us dominating Pep Rally; regulating our Underground bake sales with utter finesse; throwing Ms. Wilson a farewell/ baby shower; growing into the class that would eventually have the highest grades this school year—these are only a handful of events that show a glimpse of how capable we are. We pushed ourselves and if time wasn't our limitation, we could have represented University High School by going even farther.

At the end of the day, we were the best class! There was never hate, only lots and lots of love handed out to our haters. We did our work, had our fun, stayed positive and did anything else we could do just to make our experience at University High School last. Being perfect is overrated. Aiming to achieve greatness is the sweeter deal that comes along with the package Class of 2016.

PARTING WORDS FOR THE SENIOR CLASS FROM UNIVERSITY'S SALUTATORIAN



Maria Martinez

William Shakespeare once said "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt." In other words we are our own enemies, we let our sub conscience betray us. There's always that fear of failing that portrays itself as second guessing oneself. We let the thought of uncertainty keep us away from experiencing new opportunities. Although this may be true thus far the class of 2016 has proven that nothing can restrain us and that with a the right mentality we can accomplish greatness. I wish you all prosperity and success and remember never let anyone interfere with your success not even yourself.

CLASS OFFICERS



Nakyah Lucas
Class President



Maria Martinez
Class Vice President



Cecelia Chollete-Dickson
Secretary



Niamber Stedman
Treasurer

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

Henry David Thoreau

FAREWELL FROM THE CLASS OF 2016

LIFE IS AN OPEN BOOK FULL OF BLANK PAGES, YOU WRITE THE
PAGES AS YOU GO!



Haamid Abdullah

Wow. 6 years went by fast. I've been here since the 7th grade and seen it all. I've met friends and lost friends, but I guess they weren't meant to be. One thing I can tell you, I have the best friends you can imagine having. Some of them have been here since the 7th grade, while others have been here since freshman year. A wise person once told me, "Never compromise yourself to be what someone wants you to be, a real friend would accept you for who you are." I can let you know now, I didn't come here looking for friends, but I did come in contact with good ones. My goal coming here was to be what others thought I couldn't. High school is nothing like how it is in the movies. Be what you want to be and good luck.

Life is short and opportunities are scarce so we owe the world and ourselves the ability to shine, the chance to forgive ourselves of our flaws, the desire to shoot for the stars when they are within possible reach and vast. Graduation is the validation of all our hard work and sacrifice throughout our days in high school, and as for me I say it was worth the while. To the rising seniors and other grades I hope you'll look back at the hard work and challenges and be proud of both your strengths and the weaknesses you got to defeat. High school made me wiser and gave me clarity to important questions in life and I'm thankful to God for seeing me through the critical time of my life.



Faith Adelufosi



Caleb Akaho

Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment. I know there are always opportunities in the future and advantages and disadvantages in life but don't loose yourself.

I remember the summer of 2012 like it was yesterday . Oh, how we've grown in the past 4 years mentally and physically. Coming into University High School I didn't know the staff and students were going to have a huge effect on my future today. Entering high school you expect a number of things because of the new found freedoms you are given but, the circumstances you least expect will come your way, that's where you learn responsibilities and how to handle situations the right way. Throughout my high school career, the most important things I learned cannot be taught in a classroom, but by real life situations you encounter. 1. Don't worry about the small problems because there are always bigger priorities to stress about. 2. Procrastination is your worst enemy. (learned that the hard way) 3. You have to love and have confidence in yourself because no one will. 4. Lastly, It's over in a blink of an eye so enjoy it while it lasts.



Aniya Alexandre



Damasja Anderson

Coming into University, I expected way too much to even enjoy my high school experience. I admit to being ignorant and not trying to make new friends and create infinite memories. I am glad that I finally opened up this year to create friendships that I never thought I would ever make. Although it was tough, I appreciate University High School and its student for creating tougher skin for me, and taking me out my comfort zone. From doing this, I am bettering myself each day as I find my true happiness. Amen.



Richard Anokye

"Classmates or should I say Class of 2016, we have finally made it. We have passed the first stage to success. This was the easy part but now the real challenge begins. I really hope that each and every one of you will make it big in the real world. Never give up on your dreams and look up to Jesus. AMEN!"- African King

Though we have had our differences throughout the years, as a class we have grown stronger. We have had our fun and I hope that we continue to "Beyond These Walls." No matter what we face as long as we look at it as a way for us to grow and achieve it will be beneficial to us and those around us. I hope and wish all of you the best and achieve high, making and leaving our mark on the world!!

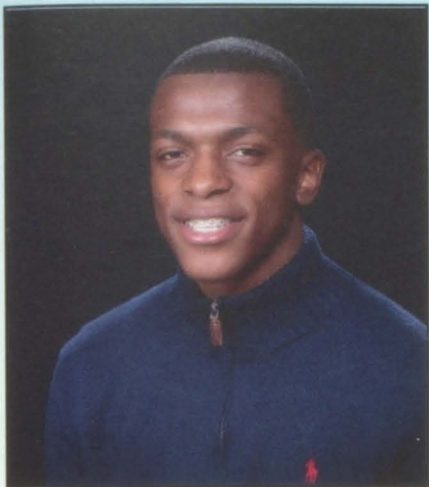


Merissa Archer



Dihzae Bailey

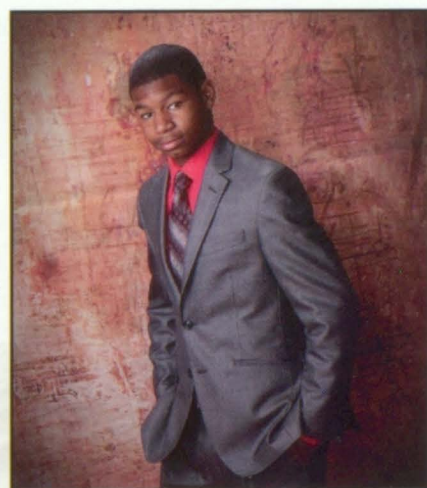
This old dusty book has many wrinkles, ripped out, and burnt pages. However, I live to tell the tale of my life with drama, romance, action and even philosophical quotes. But the thing that this book will also have is: Dihzae Bailey and the spine to keep this book alive. I would like to thank all who read and enjoyed this book. I will leave you all with: "Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds." F.D.R



Marad Banks

I can't believe I'm really about to graduate. I'm gonna miss my gang so much. Zaboogie, Chels, Ees, Ebucks, Iyah, Hiyah, Shock, Ree-- I am thankful to have found friends like you guys. These last four years have molded me to become a better student and a better person. I'm sad to end my journey at University, but I am exciting to embark upon a new journey and hopefully me and my friends cross paths again with much success. Rad-B is the MAN! Love all my GANGG!

Success in the future is dependant on the effort given in your past. I have been in University High school since 7th grade and have encountered a lot. I have made friends that I will know for the rest of my life. I have made friends in the 7th grade that no longer speak to me and I also made friends my junior year who are better friends than the ones that I grew up with. The world is a funny place and is very unpredictable. I was told that "there are people in this world that could care less about me". But have found a specific group of different personalities that all care for one another. All of my friends have helped me face the academic issues and surpass them. I also appreciate how many of my friends have welcomed me and have looked out for me since the first day we met. Farewell my fellow students; good luck and do whatever makes you happy. I have faith in you all and that you will all have great careers.



Da'Quon Benders



Khadija Bhatti

Junot Diaz once said "it's never the changes we want that change everything," I'd like to think we've all gone through some form of change or changes that shaped our lives into what they are now. I'd also like to think that if there's a form of discontent within any of you, that it's only temporary. I hope you all grow up to not be so pedantic, mundane and credulous. It's with deepest sincerity that I say good bye and good luck! Wouldn't have made it without my fabulous besties Kaitlin, Raquel, Niamber and my beloved Heaven. Love ya'll #KKR



Mecca Bradley

I just want to say these few years have been some of the best years of my life. I've met some of the most funniest, caring, loving people who I'm glad to call my friends. As a class we've had some bad times, but what class doesn't? I've seen dedication and hard work throughout these past years and I'm glad to say it paid off for every last one of us. We are finally graduating and taking that big step towards adulthood. No matter how many times I say "I can't wait to leave university," I know I'm going to miss it and all of the people I've come to know and love.

Many of my friends and peers would agree with me that these four years have been an exciting, yet horrifying, rollercoaster. The ups and downs and the highs and lows have molded us into the people that we've always dreamed of becoming. Thanks to all the Original Nasties, B Bizzle, the GANG, and all the Lady Phoenix for sharing some of the best experiences of my life with me. I'm going to miss everyone so much! And although we're parting ways, we'll always be a family!



Brianna Brinson



Abdul-Aleem Brown

A wise woman once said "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. So just strive forth and don't expect the worst.



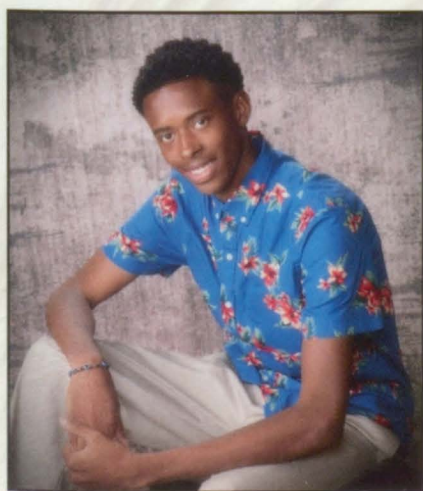
Rodney Brown

When I first came to University it was very different from middle school. It was bigger, I had a lot more classes, and also more responsibilities. Throughout my high school experience I learned many things and I want to thank University High School for that. If I had to describe it in one word it would be, horrendous. I'm so proud to say goodbye and farewell to my bruhs. Ab, Monkey man Mad, Mani Cappel, Gay Chris, Dae Dae, Rah. Mid, Mu Mu, Richard aka African King, Caleb, Joseph, Joe aka Legend Dreamz, Justin, Michael, and Quan.

When I came to University I believed I would be shunned and rejected due to my Jamaican roots, but to my surprise I had instead been welcomed like a lost brother returning to the fold. I had joined a tight knit community, a very diverse and dysfunctional family with its many ups and downs. We went through goods time and bad times together and although I was only among my classmates for a year, they have given me many experiences that I will never forget. I thank you all and I will surely miss each and every one of you.



Jyorkenne Campbell



Amani Cappel

Bruhh, S/O to my bros Chris, Rod, Ab, Jo, Ahmad, and Caleb. My cuddies Daquon, Rah, B-Dub, Mu, Rich, Searly, and Mid. I wish yall the best and hope we fam forever. High School was easy. It was like riding a bike. Except the bike was on fire & the ground was on fire & everything was on fire because it was hell. lol Now to the fakes, i'm not gone wish y'all bad. I'm just blessed we don't associate with each other anymore, thats enough for me. To the people who was always sneak dissing and still is the steak must still taste great I see, good to know, and farewell.



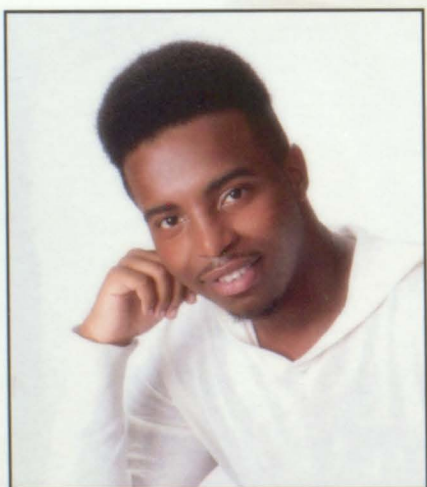
Jihayah Chavis

Most of all my friends would agree that these four years in high school was the best. Memories will come flooding back when we all look back on our experiences as a high school class. We overcame so many challenges within the gang. I'm going to miss Isa, Ree, lyah, Quan, Rad, Za, Eli, and Chels. Especially when basketball season come around, we made it look easy !! But our four years is finally coming to an end and I'm going to miss the gang. We made it look too easy !!!!

It's hard to say goodbye when you've been in University High School since 7th grade. It's seriously been a hectic journey that eventually all came down to my growth and finding myself. The teachers were always encouraging and helpful. Our class always had a competitive streak when it came to GPAs, grades and having the best bake sales, haunted house and parties. And we always found the right moments to laugh whether times were good or bad. I may not miss it all when I'm gone but I will definitely miss that feeling of home.



Cecelia Chollette-Dickson



Shakeith Cohen-Key

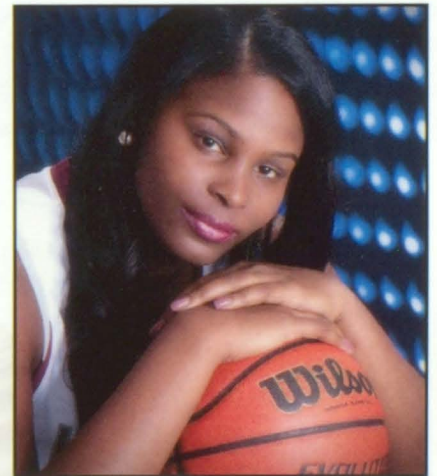
Farewell, first let me start off by wishing everybody the best and nothing but the best, sec thank you, thank you for letting me be apart of the Phoenix family. You all were truly "liteversity". Farewell to my home, the school I first started with Newark Vocational high school. Sad that they had to close and relocate. But because of that I'm now part of university high school. Farewell to everybody, to the new friends I have made over the last 2 years. Farewell to high school. I really do wish you all the best and nothing but the best let's have 2016 be the best class of all time with the most success, Farewell



Jasmine Colbert

I can't believe we're finally leaving this place. As a freshman I never thought that I would make so many friends let alone talk to anyone here. High school was a learning experience for me, I've made so many friends, lost a couple of friends because they were too in love to see the truth but like you said "what you have will prosper in the name of the lord." Anyway to my table, I love yall and I hope everyone succeed and see yall in 5 years.

It seems like just yesterday we were in Summer Bridge getting to know one another, now we are on our way to bigger and better things. This is only the beginning; the beginning of adulthood, responsibility, opportunity, success, and a little quest called life. After putting on your cap and gown and walking across a high school stage, I challenge you to continue your education and walk across a college/universities stage as many more times as possible. In essence, I challenge you all to be successful and the best you, you can be in life.



Terri Coleman



Kaitlin Coleman

I'm tired of getting slapped in the face by the prevalent putrid odor in the girl's bathrooms and in that one staircase, and if you don't know which one I'm talking about, then you obviously don't go here.

I fear that if I were to stay at this school any longer, I might go into cardiac arrest. But with all jokes aside, it's a blessing that we're finally going to leave this penitentiary. I've made immeasurable memories & created blossoming friendships in my time here. I wish the best of luck to everyone & don't take life too seriously, you'll never get out alive. #KKR



Mariel Cruz

I could remember that at the beginning of my senior year I would always say "I can't wait till I graduate". But now as graduation approaches I can't help but be nostalgic. The last 4 years that I've spent in University High School are irreplaceable. Throughout this journey I met a group of people who have helped guide me and encourage me to go beyond. Leaving a community like University is not easy, but I'm glad to say that it has prepared me for what the future holds. I wish all my classmates, teachers and staff the best as I exit high school.

Boy oh boy! How time goes by so fast! It seems like yesterday when I walked through the doors of a place where I've learned so much and now I'm preparing to leave out those very same doors. Throughout these four years, I've had my share of laughs, disappointments, and I've met a lot of good people but it's my turn to leave my footprint in the cement of something that's always going to be there. Of course I'm super duper excited to graduate and move on to college, but I'll miss my high school years and everything that I've done in them (well at least most). To my teachers, thanks for supplying me with the knowledgeable material that I'll use for the rest of my career. To my fellow classmates, what can I say, we finally get the chance to say "it's our time to shine" and I'll always remember you guys. Best of wishes to you all!



Tyeshia Dawson



Asha' Decosey

These past four years have been such a transition and has made me who I am today. I'm going to miss all the teachers that made an impact on me. Class of 2016 there is a new world waiting for you with new opportunities. Hope you can scale your new heights without much trouble. Make new friends, but do not forgot the old ones who will always love you. "We came as strangers, we leave as friends! We may be going to different colleges but we'll always be a part of the PHOENIX family!



Brandon Dodson

As each year of high school passed I was elated for it indicated that I was one step closer to my senior year and the long awaited graduation. However, during this past summer, I realized something. I realized that through these four years of high school I have created a bond with a modest portion of the University High School students who I call my friends. I will forever and always remember how we all laughed together, stressed out together, and how (some of us) worked together. I can't to see how successful we become in the future!

Congratulations class of 2016! We finally made it! I can't believe it's really over.. It'll be a bittersweet feeling leaving University to be honest. It feels like just yesterday I was just a freshman and now I'm actually getting my diploma soon. I've become so close to a group of people here that made a huge impact on my life. I'll miss them the most: Marad, Iyah, Jadeyah, Zamir, Jihayah, Eli, Shaquan, Isa, Zaniyah, and Shadeyyah. My babies forever! This isn't goodbye just yet.. I wish you all nothing but the best ! Congratulations again to all of yous, WE DID IT !



Chelsea Duchesne



Oriana' Dundas

Farewell to the past 4 years of my life. It has been a very interesting and stressful BUT it's almost over. I've almost reach my goal to further myself to where I need to go in the future. Therefore, I want to thank all the people who helped me and guided me Through these difficult years. I will take a lot of the advice that I was given and continue to use it in the future. I specifically want to thank Mr.Passe, Ms. Blake, Ms. Duncan and Ms. Sharpe for always being realistic with me whether I wanted to hear it or not. And if I forgot anybody I'm sorry, your words are still in my heart and will continue to stay with me as it has now to help me become a more mature young lady that I am now. Even though I want to leave so badly, I know I will miss high school but, Im ready for the next chapter in my life.



Laritza Duperoy

"Too Often We Underestimate The Power Of A Touch, A Smile, A Kind Word, A Listening Ear, An Honest Compliment, A Few Words Of Motivation, Or Even The Smallest Act Of Kindness, All Of Which Have The Potential To Turn A Life Around."

Good Bye! I started High School thinking it would be like the High School Musical movie series. Dancing and fun, yet my dreams were crushed when I realized it was a lot of hard work and dedication. But what annoyed me the most were the Morning Announcement, hearing "from good to great" every day! Yet now it seems as if it is a part of me and actually the truth, I did go from good to great. We also heard that at University High school we were family, I also thought "how could these people and I be Family?" Now I realize that we are a family. I spend more time with my peers than my mother. I've learned to love you guys and see you all as my family. I never thought that I'd miss high school and I'm NOT, but I will miss my friends, MY 2nd FAMILY!



Jordy Garcia



Jadeyah Garry

Entering my freshman year at University was something I did not look forward to. I don't know what it was about University but I just didn't like anything about it. I met so many people with different characteristics and that made them each so different but enjoyable. I made friends and I even Lost them but that comes with growing and a real high school experience. It all happened so fast and we all felt like it would happen extremely slow. Throughout my high school experience i've grown onto my friends and actually made another family. I'm not ready to leave them yet but we are moving on to bigger and better things.



Leonel Gonzalez

In the beginning, we measured time in class periods, counting down the day to freedom. As the days and weeks passed, we measured it in semesters, and later we moved from being those clueless freshmen, to sophisticated sophomores who thought they had it all figured out. By the time we reached junior year, we were confident that we were prepared to take over for the graduating seniors, and we couldn't wait to "rule the school." And now here we are. Our time is over, and it's up to the next class to step into our shoes and take over. And, as I look out at all of you, as many of our high school memories begin to fade, we'll ultimately measure the time we spent here, not in periods or semesters or years, but in the friendships we made and the good times we shared together these last 4 years.

Although beginnings are always rough, they will always teach you a positive lesson. Even though I barely participated in class, didn't form a bond with most of my peers and had many ups and downs, I will remember my high school career in a positive light. I made amazing friends, I learned a lot from my teachers and peers and that is something I'm thankful about. High school is something nobody should take for granted. It's a time of our lives we should value and I'm glad I was able to live through it.



Lizbeth Gonzalez-Estrella



Da'Niyah Goodwin

Six years have passed quickly and we have finally reach the end of the road. Although we have completed high school, our lives have just begun. We are entering adulthood and learning what independence really means. I couldn't have made it through the stress, drama, trials and tribulations without my partner in crime, Cecelia. I know for certain our friendship will extend well beyond high school. It'll last for eternity. All the friendships I made -with Sharina, Sariya, Mariah, Mecca, Bintou, Aniya, and Daneisha- would be something I cherish always. I wish you all success, joy, and happiness. Farewell, Class of 2016.



Teylahna Green

This farewell does not mean the final goodbye as we are going to keep in touch in the future. It was a great time to be with you all spending time and working as I learned a lot from you people and that it may help me in my future. I wish to see you guys soon and remember this is just a beginning of something new. Wish all the best in the future for whatever the Lord has in stored for you all. Shoutout to The Gang and my Bestfriend Tyler!! XOXOXO Tey

Beyond these long journeys and hustles I made it. A lot of people who start work at a very young age never grow up because they never got that opportunity to be a child, so they hold on to that and still do a lot of childish, silly things. Janet Jackson Let us dream of tomorrow where we can truly love from the soul, and know love as the ultimate truth at the heart of all creation. Michael Jackson



Zahirah Hemingway



Awatif Hiseine

Finally I can leave this place! I was ready to graduate since the eighth grade, TALK ABOUT OVER HIGH SCHOOL! I didn't even start it yet. Dragging my feet through these halls for five years it's quite tiring. You see the same students, same staff, same office secretaries with nasty attitudes. I am sincerely happy to say goodbye to you all. But I will truly miss my favorite teacher Mrs. Graham my second mother and my friend.



Sariya Holmes

People would always say to me "high school is going to go by so fast just wait and see". Everyday I use to think school was not going by as fast as they said. Now that I am about to graduate I see how fast high school went by. I swear just last year I was in summer bridge. These four years were the best four years ever. I made the best, funniest, and most amazing friends ever. Without my friends high school would not have went the way it did. We made the greatest memories ever. I just wish we could all go to college together. I am also going to miss the teachers. I swear we have the coolest teachers ever. At University we are like a family and I swear I am glad this is where I spent my high school years. I love this school so much and I am sad to leave but college here I come.

Don't be dismayed at goodbyes, a farewell is necessary before you can meet again and meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.- Richard Bach Dang I miss yall already. Lol like I can leave and say that im proud of all the relationships I made from freshman year to senior year. I hope that you all leave here and become something great. Remember that the sky is the limit and you can do anything thing if you believe. Now shout out to my BFF,R.O.D, my sister Teanna i love you , Too my besties,My girls, Tey-Tey,Desii,WaWa. Shout out too my buds Sariya and DeeDee oh yea shout out to my PGC Rollies!! Imma really miss all y'all.. I have nothing but great memories with y'all and the rest of my classmates. Until we meet again have a good summer and enjoy college!!!!!!



Asha James



Teanna Johnson

I can remember first cycle freshman year at convocation Principal McNair would sit in the auditorium and talk to us about applying yourself and making your high school experience the beginning of your success story. Those convocations helped foster a sense of security at university high school that I will carry with me to college and all my future endeavors. I wish you all success Goodbye Good Luck Keep in Touch.



Suvilla Johnson

As I look back on my life, I realize that every time I thought I was being REJECTED from something good. I was actually being RE-DIRECTED to something better. These past 4 years has taught me that not everything in life will go as planned. But its up to you to keep your faith and keep pushing. I know you all will be the best you can be. Wherever you go, go with all your heart! Graduation isnt the end of a tough journey it is the beginning of a beautiful one.

Dear class, in the closing of our final year, I want to give you guys a few inspiring words-- reach for the stars and never give up. No matter what happens in life, whether it is stress or personal issues, never give up and do not use those as an excuse. I know that everyone has goals and aspirations in life, and all I could say is do not stop until you obtain that goal. Second, I want to wish everyone good luck to your future, and I'm pretty sure each and every one of you will be successful in your own ways. The best thing that you could do for yourself is be happy and do not let anyone get in the way of your happiness. At the end of the day, you are living for yourself and yourself ONLY. I could honestly say that I will miss seeing your faces everyday, and hopefully we still keep in contact. Good luck to each and everyone of you.



Taliya Jones



Sharina Judd

This is bittersweet. My years in high school have been stressful and full of assignments that probably won't help me pay bills in the future (but at least I know how to graph a quadratic equation.) But at the same time I am gonna miss the school and some of the teachers who actually cared about me and I will miss the activities that brought me and my friends closer together. But I have faith that the teachers have prepared us enough to send us into the real world of work and I wish you all the best of luck.



Nakyah Lucas

We finally made it to the final year, when everything we have done these past four years matters. I am almost sure that everyone will go on to do great things and be successful. Over the past four years we have had our differences, but we have had many good moments of unity and togetherness. I am confident that we are and will be the best class that has ever graduated from University High School. I wish everyone the best of luck!

As the time approaches for us to graduate i can truly say everyone will be missed especially those who got to know me for qualities aside from being introverted and intelligent. I want to thank everyone who pushed and encouraged me to be the best me. I wish this group nothing but the best, as one chapter ends another begins. Until our paths meet again.-Maria Martinez



Maria Martinez



Tatiana Matias

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."
Steve Jobs



Mariah McCants

It's really true what they say; high school really does fly by. It's amazing to step back and see my growth from the six years of being here. I am no longer the little shy girl that hid behind everything, I am now confident and ready to conquer the next phase of life. It truly felt like yesterday I took my first steps through University's doors, and here I am now, preparing to walk across the stage and accept the challenge once again. One door is getting ready to close, but there is definitely another one getting ready to open for me. I'm praying to attend a great University and even though I wasn't able to create a relationship between everyone, it is only fair to say that I hope for a bright future for everyone. So here we go class of 2016 preparing for the end of the chapter, and getting our acts together before we leave high school. However this isn't goodbye, it's just a see you later. Best of luck to the class of 2016.

We go to school everyday. We learn pointless things, but we aren't taught how to make moments last, but, I think the most unfair thing is that at the end of highschool, we are tested on something that we were never taught. We have to stand in front of each other and say goodbye. But never say goodbye. When you still want to try, never give up. When you still feel like you can, take it. Never say you don't love that person anymore, when you can't let go. Stay cool and live life like it is golden.

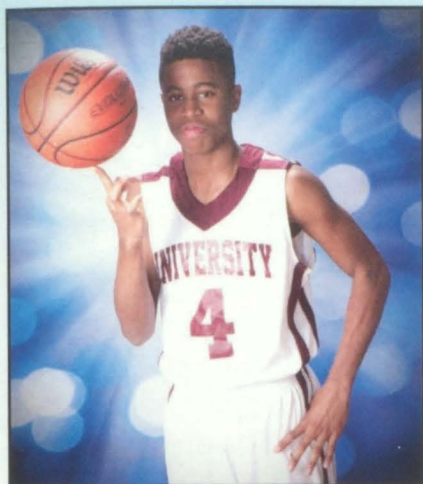


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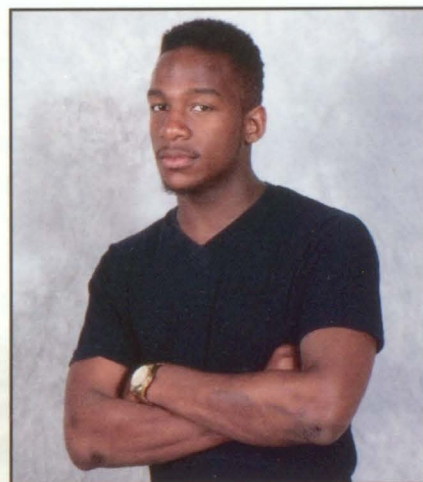
Who knew this moment would come so fast to say goodbye? University High school has honestly become a part of my life. I went through so many changes in high school; I became mature and a mommy. I want to give a shout out to my mom for never giving up on me. I love you. I also want to give a shout out to my sisters Bintou, Sharina, Mariah, Cecelia, Mecca, Sariya, Aniya, Daniyah and Ayannah. I love you guys so much and I will miss you guys the most. I want to wish everyone the best in life.



Tariq McKenith

Everybody who knows me or who has had class with me knows that I'm not an emotional person so I'm not good with these. I'll always be remembered for my infamous fall at Orange high school before the beginning of the basketball game where the video eventually went viral and I was always gassing. But I'll say see you later to everybody at one time but especially "squad" or the people I was with all the time (Lee, Atasha, Kha'riah, Za, Hiyah, Rad, Ees, Quan, Iyah, Eli) the nasties, and anybody I missed. But that's enough with all that sentimental stuff.

During my four years at University High School I was just trying to stay out of trouble. I've come a long way and it has been quite a journey. I'm looking forward to new adventures in college. I going to miss my lil' bros...Shoutout to the lunch ladies for hooking me up with two or three extra trays. Good looking out! Shoutout to Ms. Gray, Ms. Mohammad, Ms. Ruesta for hosting me various times in her classroom even though I was never her student. Shoutout to Mr. Henderson for always keeping me on my feet and pushing me to do my best work. Best of luck to the class of 2016 #tripbzzz#ogtripooo #2k16



Rasheed Mells



Kamill Merrill

After four years at University I can honestly say it wasn't the worst thing in the world. I'm probably the happiest person right now knowing that this is about to be over. School was never my thing and it still isn't. I really didn't think that I would graduate or be close with anyone but because of a couple of cool idiots I guess I'll walk across a stage. I just want to say thank you too all the people who've dealt with my attitudes and lashing out. You know who you are and I don't think any of this high school crap would have been bearable without y'all. The rest of you people were pretty cool even though I ain't really mess with yall. I can't really say I'll miss the school that much but I'll miss you crazy group children. All I have left to say is thanks for the laughs, love you, and HAKUNA MATATA!



Shaquan Mickens

Dang! This has been the longest and shortest 4 years of my life all at the same time. I have learned new things and met people that hopefully I'll remember for a lifetime, shout out to the gang gang gang and also shout out to SPALDING for changing my life. A wise guy once told me DISREGARD FEMALES AND APPLY CURRENCY! If you know me, you know what that really mean. I know teachers are going to miss me talking to all my boys in class and when they move me eventually I was going to start conversation with them LMAO! I want to give a shoutout to my lil brother Isa aka Ees, I watched him grow up, we been through a lot. Again shoutout to the GANG ZaBoogie, Ebuckks, RadB, Iyah, Hiyah, Ees, Chels, and my lil brother Tariq and last but not least the lunch table: Asha , Sheen , Terri and my Bri!

During my four years at University I met many new friends and shared new experiences. Although at times I was annoyed with some things happening at University, I will miss the school and especially Ms. Gray and Ms. Mohammad for always making sure I kept focused. Good luck to everyone after high school and I hope all of your dreams come true. Shoutout to my lil' bro Pasquel, although I didn't like you at first, we ended up being family...OTF. K'Shauna, love the lil' bro. To the class of 2016 for being the best class to ever walk the halls of University. Shoutout to baseball team for welcoming me into their family. #bigmoney #2k16



Davon Moate



Raquel Molesti

I always thought people were joking around when they said that your high school years would go by the fastest, but it turns out they weren't. When I arrived at University, I didn't expect to make as many friends or even create so many unforgettable memories. These past four years have taught me to live each day to the fullest and strive to be the greatest me. Thank you for all the memories and laughs. #KKR



Heaven Montague

As senior year has come to an end, I want you all to remember: art will live through always. And if you have the opportunity to play this game of life you need to appreciate every moment. Live today, prosper tomorrow. I wish you all the best, regardless of you being just my acquaintances.

I can't believe it's over! It feels like I was just walking into University meeting Hiyah Mvck, Ebuckkss, Zaboogie, Rad-B, Shock2x, Trigg, Chelss, Jeyy, & Ees. I never thought I'd meet a group of people that i would like as much as i like myself. This is a bittersweet moment. I'm ready to graduate but I don't want to leave my GANG!!!. "If you can't be better than your competition, just dress better." I'm still one of the flyest people I know.



Iyannah Moore



Atasha Moore

Class of 2016! This has been some crazy, funny, sad, emotional, amazing 4 years of my life. I can't say I'm going to miss it but I will miss some of the people. Y'all should know who you are, y'all made these years memorable for me so thank you & I love y'all! But enough of the mushy stuff, I'm ready to leave these four walls & explore the college life. It's been real, until next time!



Khariah Neal

These years brought about a lot of change within every one of us. Some for the better, some for worse. High school allowed me the opportunity to meet the bestest friend and brother, Alshakur. He has continually pushed me to achieve higher grades. Thanks to him and all of my teachers, I am a better person and student. I would also like to thank Ms. Blake, Chicken, Momma Chicken, Ling Ling, Twae, ZaZa and a host of others for the stern looks and inspiration that kept me going. I wish everyone the best!

In life there are tough and rough times but with determination, you can go through all obstacles. In order to succeed in life, we must first believe that we can. A great man once said, "After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb" (Nelson Mandela). All I want you to know is that, it is possible, and to never give up.



Joseph Obiri



Safiyyah Odom

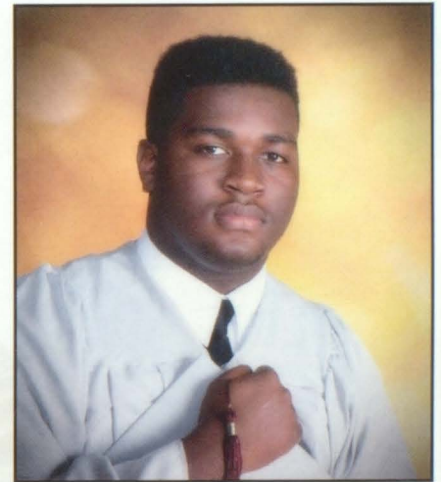
I never thought 2 years could go by so quick and being at university was a great pleasure I may not have been here for very long but I made so many memories with different people. I know now that it's not about how many years i've been here but it's the quality time i've spent with people. University phoenix will always be in my heart and the great experiences I had with each and every friend I made.



Chinomunso Onwuzuruike

Class of 2016 I am proud to say that we finally made it. Just four years ago we were freshmen, all timid and shy when we first walked through the doors of University High School, but look at us now, four years later we have blossomed and matured into young adults who are ready for the real world and what is to come for the future. My wish for you guys is that this life becomes all that you want it to become. Let your dreams stay big and your worries and your frustrations stay at a minimum. Grab hold of tomorrow and use what you have learned in the past and build it into a bright and rewarding future. And remember "Graduation" isn't the end of a tough journey it is the beginning of a beautiful one.

On how the infamous, sensitive N-word control us
Well this is my explanation straight from Ethiopia
N-E-G-U-S definition: royalty King royalty - wait listen
N-E-G-U-S description: Black emperor, King, ruler
now let me finish
The history books overlooked the word and hide it
America tried to make it to a house divided
The homies don't recognize we be using it wrong
So I'ma break it down and put my game in the song
N-E-G-U-S, say it with me
Or say no more. Black stars can come and get me
Take it from Oprah Winfrey
Tell her she right on time
Class of 2016, by far, realest Negus alive



Raheem Payne



Mohammad Raja

These past four years have gone by quick. It feels like only yesterday that I was at summer bridge getting to know all my current friends and classmates and now look at us, we are on the road to college. The memories we have made over the past few years will remain with us for the rest of our lives. We might be going our separate ways but we will always stay connected. It is just as they told us in summer bridge, that we will become a family, which we have, and family always sticks together no matter what.



Aliyah Rawles

"Ya'll ever prayed for something ya'll whole lives? I mean, ALL you dreamed about was this ONE thing. I mean, you know it's coming . You have faith and all that, but sometimes... sometimes you second guess yourself. I guess that's human nature I suppose, second guessing. High school has took me through more downs than ups. Seems like it's given me more losses than wins. But should I stand tall and be BOLD or do I fold? Do I believe? See me, I came a long way. Way too far for me to stop now. Not that I would stop, anyways, but... I'm so close I can feel it! Can you feel it? Stay Up

I've come a long way from freshman year. Freshman year set the foundation for what high school was all about. I realized that I needed to work hard in order to go to college and be successful. I will miss my high school years because of all the friends I've made over the years, especially my basketball teammates. Shoutout to Coach Fee, Coach Ware, and Coach Williams. To my mother...thank you for being the most supportive person in my life. They made my basketball career a success. To the class of 2016, I wish you all well in your future endeavors. Aim high and accomplish your goals.



Tyler Ray-Young



Carlos Reyes

Goodbye fellow classmates. Even though we had our ups and downs, and as a class had our little cliques, I'd like to say best wishes to all you guys. Goodbye to my precious friends, adios to the haters, I hope you guys live up to your goals and accomplish many things in life. "Life is too short, Time is too fast. No replay, No rewind, So Enjoy every moment as it comes." Face your difficulties no matter what they are. Your victory is right around the corner, Don't give up! Blessings to you all. - Carlos Reyes



Shaheen Roberts

I just want to say farewell, not only to University High School, but to my high school experience as a whole. It's been a bumpy ride, I had a lot of moments I won't forget, and met a lot of people I won't forget. But now, I am on the verge to greatness beyond these walls and I am proud to say I gave my all out on the track, on the court, and in the classroom during my whole high school career. Thank you for your guidance and preparation University High school.

These past few years at University were some of the best and worst years of my life (so far). I don't regret anything I did or didn't do. It helped shape me into who I am now and I wouldn't change that. Uni did a lot for me and so did the staff. I wouldn't say all of them helped me, but most of them gave me something I will never forget. I wish I could say I'm going to forget this place, but I'm not, it's been a big part of myself. I definitely can't forget my brothers Davon and Gio.

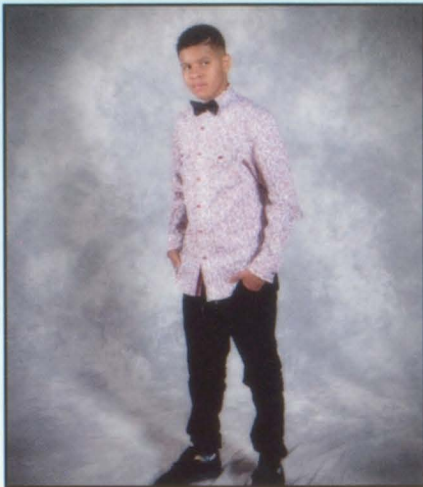


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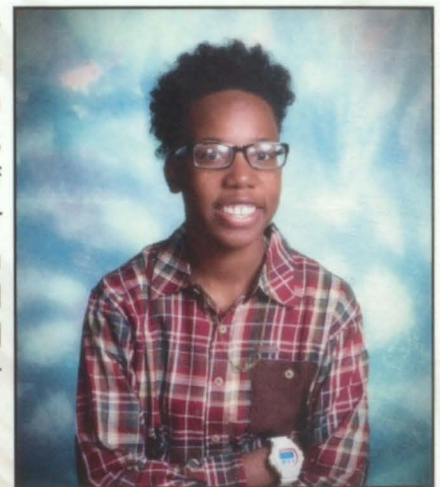
I really cherished my school years at University High School. Being at University High School was a success and I will miss all of you. I started freshman year and being a University High School student has changed me over time and I succeed as a student athlete. University prepared me for college and as well as outside of school. Throughout high school with different teachers, I had fun and can relate to most teachers. Every teacher has taught me knowledge to be prepared for the future. I appreciate that as well. My journey has ended but not quite yet because my next journey will begin in college. i hope Class of 2016 the best. Class of 2016 has a bright and better future.



Quinton Sanguinette

"And I'm not sure why I'm infatuated with death / My imagination is surely an aggravation of threats / That can come about, 'cause the tongue is mighty powerful / And I can name a list of your favorites that probably vouch / Maybe cause I'm a dreamer and sleep is the cousin of death / Really stuck in the schema of wonderin' when I'mma rest."

HOLY CRAP! Five years in University has been an ADVENTURE. Me being here for this long, it feels like I've grown up here. I start laughing when my teachers say "I had you when you were in the eighth grade". I had a lot of obstacles in University trying to keep my grades up and wanting to have fun at the same time, but I managed all of that. My eighth through my sophomore year, I struggled, but my junior year and senior year, my grades are better. I'm proud of myself even though I got in trouble a lot, I was still a great student. Many times I said that I was going to leave and go to another school but I still ended up back at University because this is my school, so why not finish where I began in 2011? CLASS OF 2016 WE MADE IT. :)



K'Shauna Searls



Ahmad Smith

"I am so glad that I met you / Your friendship means the world to me / Believe me, it truly does / And I just wanted you to know that / From me, you will always find love / Now we are going our separate ways / Maybe never to meet again / I know we said we would keep in touch / But that is what everyone always says / But it never seems to mean much / So this is why I am telling you now / How much you truly mean to me / Because anything could happen in the future / Tomorrow is something I may never see / Yes, I am going to miss you / And I wish you the very best / And please try to remember / That you are truly blessed!"



Inea' Smith

"I miss that town, I miss the faces, You can't erase, You can't replace it, I miss it now, I can't believe it, So hard to stay, Too hard to leave it, If I could relive those days, I know the one thing that would never change, I miss those times, I miss those nights, I even miss the silly fights, The making up, The morning talks, And those late afternoon walks, Every memory of looking out the back door, I had the photo album spread out on my bedroom floor, It's hard to say it, time to say it...Goodbye, goodbye"

Hi and Bye at the same time! I would like to thank everyone in this school, especially to all my teachers from 9th to 12th. I feel ecstatic over the fact that I'm able to graduate. But sad to close this chapter of my life. This school will forever have a place in my heart because it's where I met some of my closest friends and where we shared some of our greatest memories. So thank you University, I'll always remember you. Don't forget me!



Niamber Stedman



Zaniyah Stevenson

Four colorful years of my life have been placed in University High School. I have went through many obstacles that have made me who I am today. I want to thank my friends, teachers, and family for abiding by me throughout these four years. Without these people, I probably wouldn't have had as much fun throughout my high school experience. So, I want to say thank you, Class of 2016, for preparing me for a great future.



Evan Thomas

After freshman year I was not too sure i was ready to come to a new school. I honestly did not know what to expect and where I would fit in. I never really did fit in anywhere but you guys have to be the BEST group of people I have ever met in my life. Tenth grade year was honestly the first year of my life thatli ever felt like I belonged somewhere. I know I can be way too much at times but everyone has their own issues and though a lot of you could probably care less about my existence I feel like you kept an open mind to me. I never had a problem with anyone here. I just really wish everyone the best of luck out here in the world cuz it will get a lot harder than anything we have faced. I believe in everyone in the University class of 2016. Everyone is unique in their own way despite what the yearbook says. Everyone has a great smile because they tell a different story. You guys are all beautiful. This will not mean goodbye forever. I love you class of 2016 for whatever it is worth.

It has been a long, stressful 4 years, and it has been many ups and downs but we made it. Although I couldn't wait to leave and graduate , i'm really going to miss University High School and my friends and even my fellow classmates, and of course the teachers. I wish everyone the best and hope we all succeed in life. Goodbye and Good Luck to the class of 2016.

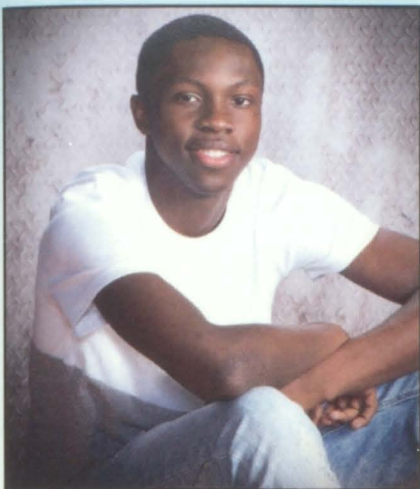


Bintou Traore



Ibreyanah Turner

The phrase "Farewell" can be found in texts dating back to the Middle Ages. It was normally said to the departing person, who would respond with "goodbye." Is this real, should I pinch you? After all the things that we've been through, we are finally parting ways. We gained some peers and we lost some but we have worked hard to get to where we are now and that is our last year of high school, now we are moving on to more experiences & adventures.



Isa Williams

These last four years have been a journey! My freshmen year was where I had the WORST struggles of my life. I wasn't doing my best and just wasn't focused. I later met my Fam (Hiyah, Rad, Eli, Za, Iyah, Ree, Quan, & Chelss) and I met my BEST FRIEND Zaniyah! They were so consistent during my high school years and we made many memories together. We had so much fun yet we stayed so focused on our tasks. High school was a very important learning experience for me and I'll miss it dearly.

High school was a thrill !! We began high school as children, but we're leaving here as adults. We've completed these 4 years which will serve as the platform we use to launch ourselves into our futures. Some of us will go on to college, others will go straight into the work force, but each of us will travel our own path. These 4 years went by faster than I thought they would. It's crazy because I still remember the first day of high school like it was yesterday. I am glad that I decided to attend University, I met a group of people that I now call my Brothers and Sisters. I think they are what I'm going to miss most about high school. I love my Gang ...MBK NLMS...



Zamir Wright



Desiree Wright

Six years of walking in the hallway, almost thirty different teachers, hundreds of acquaintances, and countless amounts of classwork assignments. Going from being the loud and ratchet seventh grader hanging out with the sophomores to being the sarcastic but respectful senior walking through the hallways with my Sweet Tea Arizona and Iphone. I'm also known for being a Beautiful Individual That Carries Herself lol But anyway high school wouldn't have been fun without my girls and I wouldn't change a bit.



Amanda Xavier

We finally made it. Our last year of high school and i can't wait to leave. Although I didn't talk much and have a chance to connect with all of you, I will miss every single one of you. I will miss seeing you five days a week and the laughs we shared as a class. I will especially miss the people I hanged out with, who made my day everyday. Good luck Class of 2016, stay turnt.



CLASS OF 2016

Some of you are the hope, the inspiration, the joy, or the baby of your family. Some of you are all the dreams, the hopes, all that your parents can't or couldn't be; either from lack of opportunity or the deprivation of something else.

You are that angel, that person in high school who always help.

Some of you are brave, bold, and extremely loud.

Some of you are the over achievers. The geniuses who've made the family proud.

Some of you stayed in the books, wedded to pages, always close to the ground.

Some of you are risk takers, and spread your wings, and tend to soar for the clouds.

Some of you shy. Quiet.

Some of you stand out from the crowd.

Most of us kings, and queens we wear our own crowns.

Most of you are colorful, good spirited and full of love.

Most of you have walked through these halls and given out numerous hugs.

Most of you have changed the gloomiest day of even a stranger.

Some of you probably helped a friend whose grades were in danger.

Whatever role you played in high school, I hope you all continue to play them.

You all don't know the lives you've touched, you might have even saved one.

So good luck to you all. I wish you the best in your endeavors.

To be a part of University High School, I must say was my most honorable and most genuine pleasure.

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Aliyah Rawles

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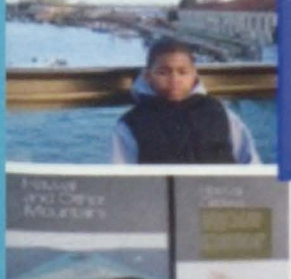
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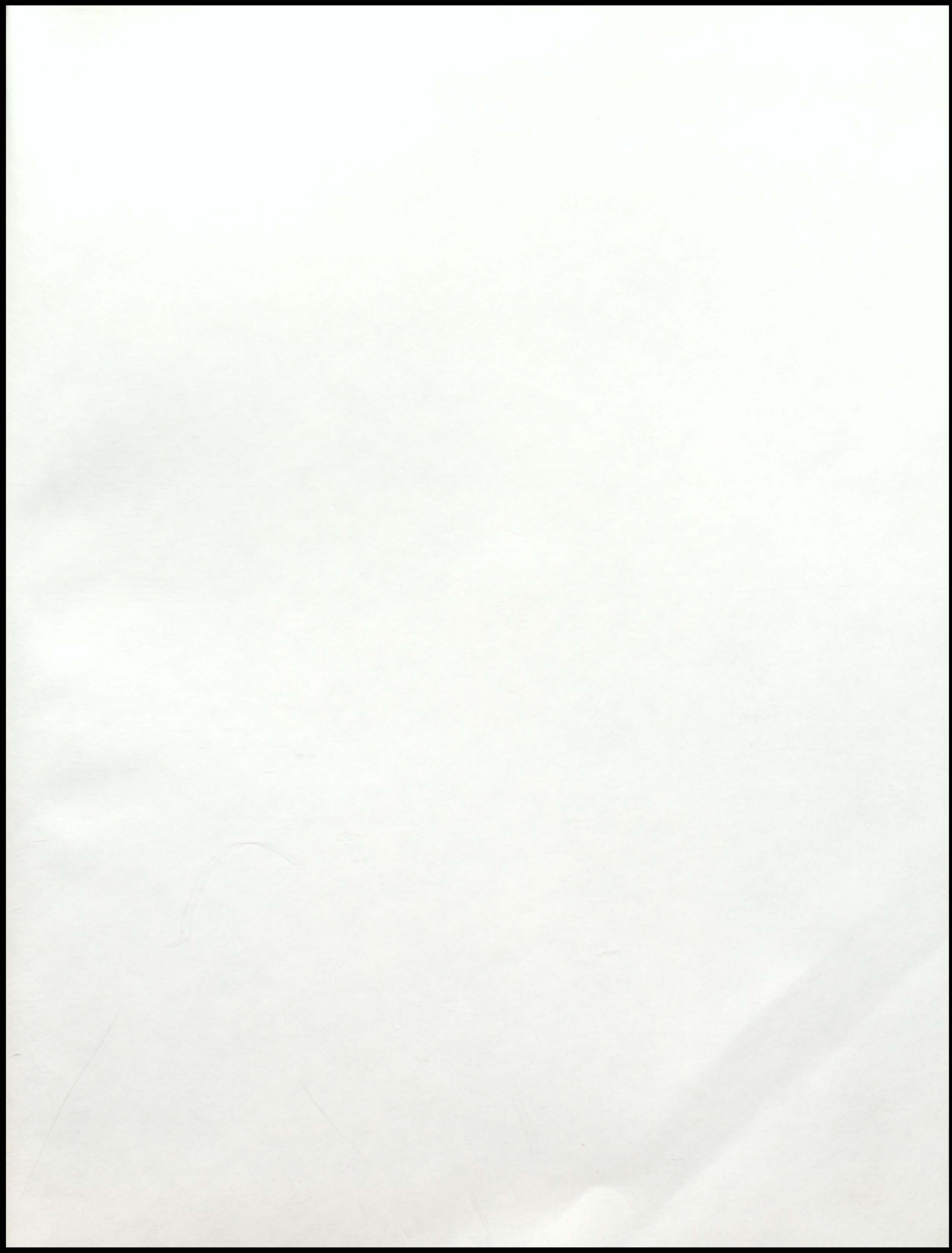
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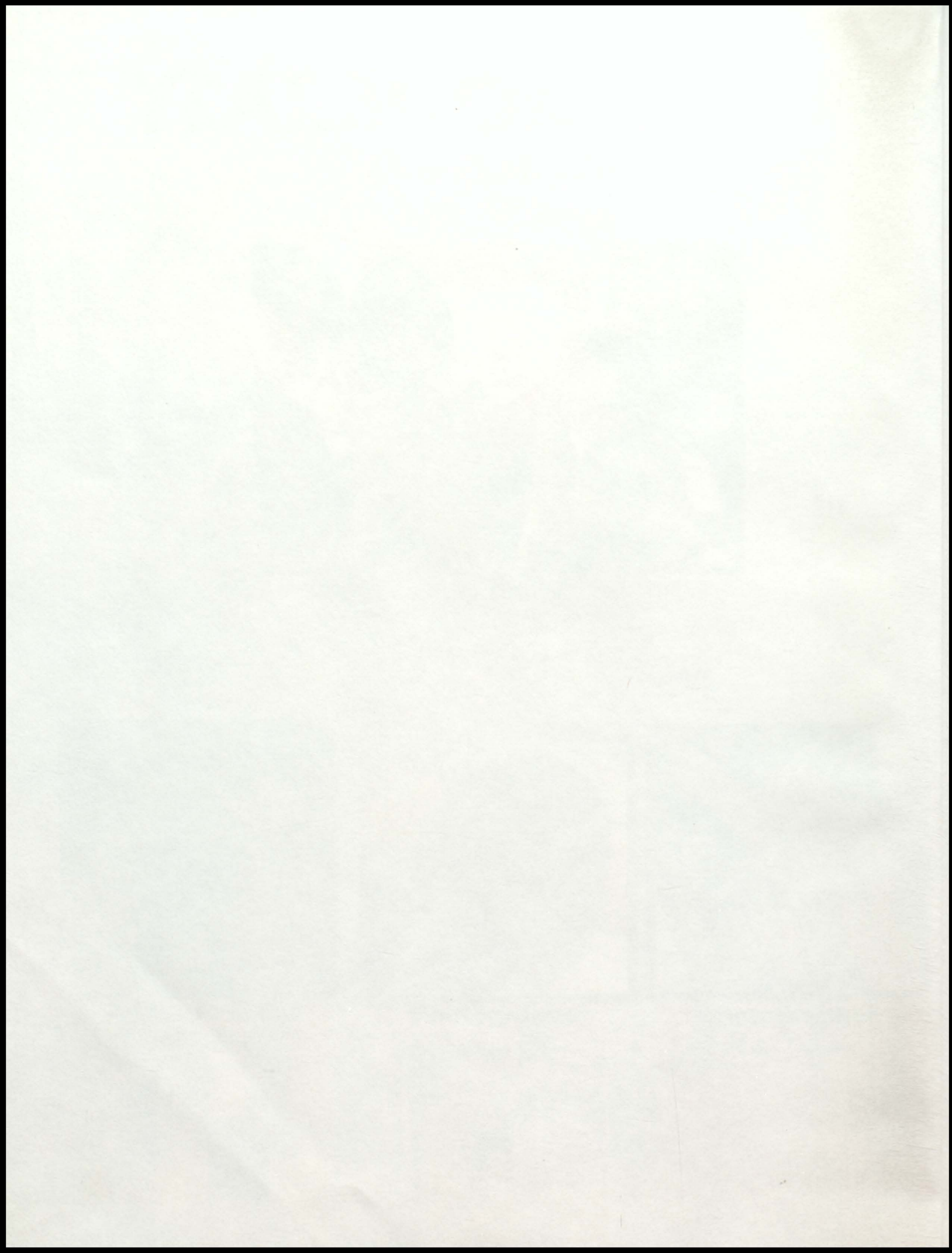
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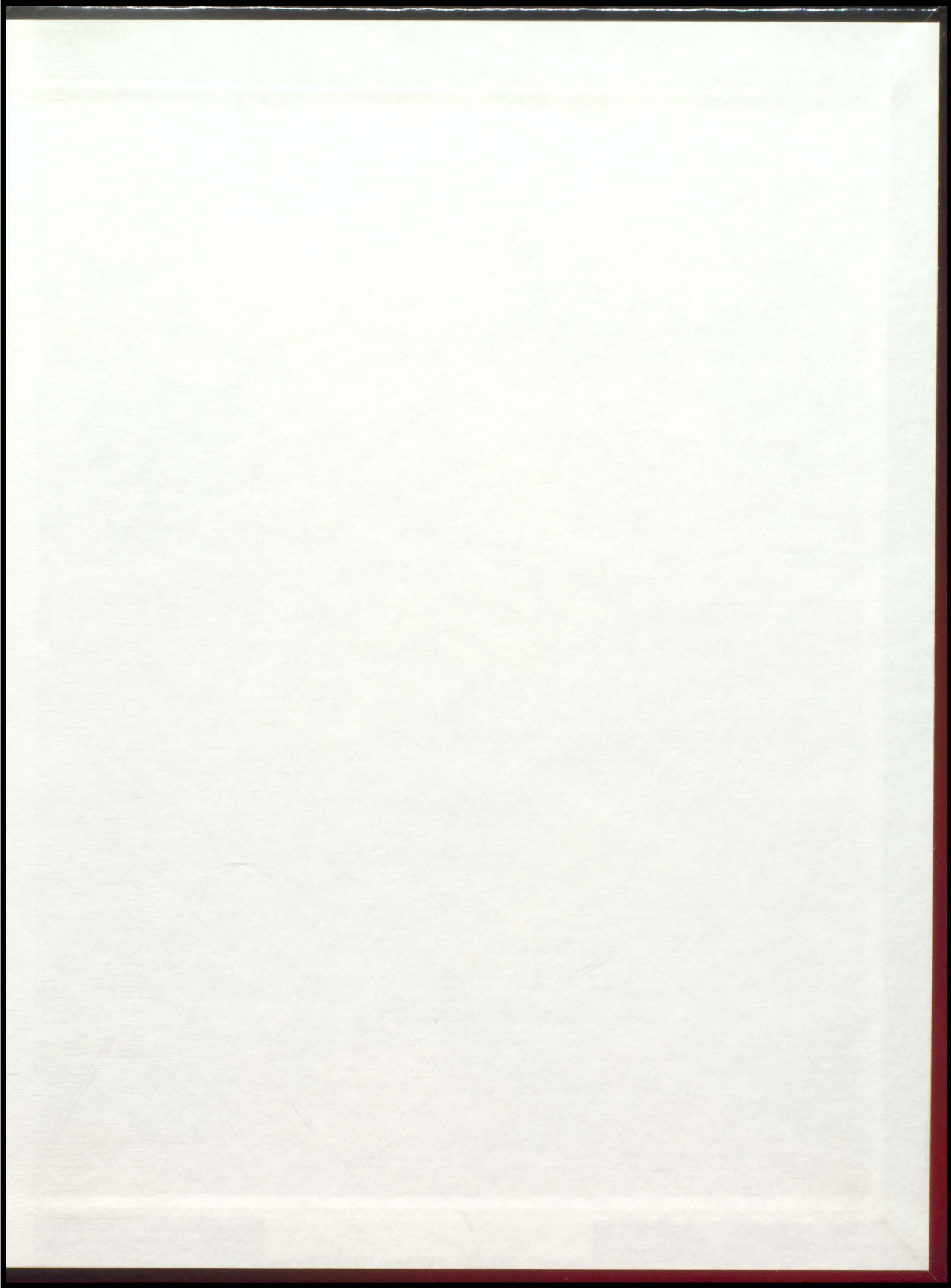


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